

Cost of Policing Public Order Operations 2005

Introduction

It has been agreed that the MPS will report annually on costs associated with public order events requiring more than 300 police officer shifts. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the estimated cost of events during 2005. The details are summarised in date order in the following table (rounded):

Event	Date	Police Shifts	Police Staff Shifts	Opportunity Costs £	Additional Staff Costs £	Additional Other Costs £	Total Additional Costs £	Total Opportunity & Additional Costs £
NEW YEARS EVE	31 DECEMBER 2004	3,028	143	717,706	24,818	79,373	104,191	821,897
MOUNTBATTEN FESTIVAL OF MUSIC	10 - 12 FEBRUARY 2005	580	130	154,495	10,486	10,094	20,580	175,075
FINSBURY PARK MOSQUE DEMONSTRATION	11 FEBRUARY 2005	317	17	76,286	7,236	5,088	12,324	88,610
MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE	1 MARCH 2005	1,425	0	322,408	38,207	30,746	68,953	391,361
STATE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF ITALY	15 - 17 MARCH 2005	1,976	88	470,537	14,151	49,665	63,816	534,353
STOP THE WAR DEMONSTRATION	19 MARCH 2005	1,819	56	427,958	14,055	44,398	58,453	486,411
WEST HAM V MILLWALL	16 APRIL 2005	696	15	167,658	23,766	6,230	29,996	197,654
LONDON MARATHON	17 APRIL 2005	1,263	74	308,525	32,979	17,991	50,970	359,495
MAYDAY DEMONSTRATION	2 MAY 2005	515	37	157,554	13,023	10,858	23,881	181,435
GENERAL ELECTION	5 MAY 2005	6,746	7	1,581,868	637,083	78,721	715,804	2,297,672
VE DAY CONCERT	8 MAY 2005	311	42	80,550	10,514	5,541	16,055	96,605
STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT	17 MAY 2005	1,849	156	461,865	7,978	54,047	62,025	523,890
CHELSEA FC VICTORY PARADE	22 MAY 2005	716	13	172,161	46,066	30,879	76,945	249,106
TROOPING THE COLOUR (GENERAL'S REVIEW)	28 MAY 2005	1,322	136	332,246	23,740	40,341	64,081	396,327
TROOPING THE COLOUR (COLONEL'S REVIEW)	4 JUNE 2005	1,330	137	334,500	17,934	41,065	58,999	393,499
TROOPING THE COLOUR (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PARADE)	11 JUNE 2005	1,365	138	342,332	21,235	41,079	62,314	404,646
LIVE 8 CONCERT	2 JULY 2005	1,384	39	334,582	136,524	50,954	187,478	522,060
WORLD WAR 2 - 60TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS	4 - 10 JULY 2005	2,092	9	504,907	28,166	22,334	50,500	555,407
VISIT OF HMS INVINCIBLE	12 - 17 JULY 2005	348	2	84,053	6,884	4,653	11,537	95,590
NATIONAL FRONT MARCH	16 JULY 2005	716	10	171,105	22,978	6,757	29,735	200,840
UNITED BRITISH ALLIANCE DEMONSTRATION	23 JULY 2005	532	23	129,414	21,900	6,321	28,221	157,635
NOTTING HILL CARNIVAL	27 - 29 AUGUST 2005	10,468	731	2,991,347	1,142,117	593,021	1,735,138	4,726,485
DSEI ARMS EXHIBITION	4 - 16 SEPTEMBER 2005	12,786	355	3,118,678	229,452	412,120	641,572	3,760,250
STOP THE WAR PROTEST	24 SEPTEMBER 2005	1,285	36	308,895	35,256	21,886	57,142	366,037
VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RUSSIA	3 - 5 OCTOBER 2005	335	3	82,673	2,176	3,909	6,085	88,758

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STATE VISIT OF THE KING OF NORWAY	25 - 27 OCTOBER 2005	1,202	49	294,951	25,452	15,314	40,766	335,717
EU PRESIDENCY MEETING	26 - 27 OCTOBER 2005	1,224	18	297,373	54,672	35,220	89,892	387,265
STATE VISIT OF THE PREMIER OF CHINA	8 - 10 NOVEMBER 2005	2,228	59	532,922	32,329	48,280	80,609	613,531
FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE	12 NOVEMBER 2005	797	72	131,649	10,495	24,093	34,588	166,237
REMEMBRANCE DAY	13 NOVEMBER 2005	1,344	64	327,187	38,970	61,156	100,126	427,313
Total		61,999	2,659	15,418,385	2,730,642	1,852,134	4,582,776	20,001,161

Additionally, further costs have been incurred due to MPS resources deployed at:

Response to the London bombings and attempted bombings July 2005 (Operation Theseus)

The estimated cost of the policing operation (Operation Theseus), across London, in response to the terrorist attacks on the 7 and 21 July 2005 is £90.1M (between 7 July and 31 December 2005). £46M is in relation to estimated opportunity costs and £44.1 M is estimated additional costs. A total of 185,754 police shifts and 18,437 police staff shifts were dedicated to the operation between 7 July and 31 December 2005.

High Visibility Policing (not connected to Operation Theseus)

There is an ongoing commitment by the MPS to provide focused high visibility patrols (in addition to Operation Theseus) throughout the MPS district (e.g. central London stations, high profile locations etc.), thereby increasing public re-assurance and deterring terrorist activity. A total of 7,178 police officer shifts were dedicated to high visibility policing patrols during 2005 at an estimated cost of £1,983,250 - this includes £279,626 additional overtime costs.

New Years Eve celebrations (31 December 2005)

The estimated cost of policing is £874,527, including £108,328 additional police overtime costs. A total of 2,788 police officer shifts and 126 police staff shifts were dedicated to this operation. The relatively large number of officers deployed is in part due to the larger geographical area covered because of the addition of new events in recent years (e.g. the firework display held on and around the London Eye).