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Subject: Information on Police Equipment and Training for Protest Situations
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To: [REDACTED]@access-info.eu



Dear Ms Dussud

Freedom of Information Act Request Reference No: 2013040002644

I respond in connection with your request for information which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 24/04/2013. I note you seek access to the following information:

Request for Information Regarding Police Equipment and Training for Protest Situations Dear Sir or Madam, I am writing to request information and/or documents held by you or stored in archives accessible to you regarding police actions in situations of public demonstration, assembly or protest. Following a request for information sent in February 2013 to the Police Home Office Department, I have been advised to contact you regarding the question mentioned below. Specifically, under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I am requesting the following: For the question below, please provide information and/or documents relating to the activities of the police forces in situations of protest. We refer to 'protest' as assemblies of people (including marches, demonstrations, rallies etc) in which the motive for the assembly, usually in a public place, is for the purposes of expressing themselves about issues of concern. 1. For all the equipment types available for use by police officers in situations of protest that are supplementary to normal police equipment, please provide me with data including: a. The number of items in the possession of police forces for each equipment type; b. The amount of times that such equipment types have been used in the last five years. If you should require any further information, or a clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

This is to inform you that I cannot identify any specific records / documents that will satisfy your request based on the details you have provided. To enable the MPS to meet your request could you please provide this office with further information. I provide some guidance that may assist you more clearly describe the information you require:

You have asked for all equipment types available for use by police officers in situations of protest that are supplementary to normal police equipment. It is not clear what you mean by normal police equipment or supplementary equipment.

The link below is a link to the manual 'Keeping the Peace.' Appendix 1 from page 95 details the tactical options available to police for protests, demonstrations and the like. Please can you advise which tactical options that your request refers to.

<http://www.acpo.police.uk/documents/uniformed/2010/201010UNKTP01.pdf>

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Yvette Taylor on telephone number [REDACTED] quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Yvette Taylor
Information Manager

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Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome to discuss the response with the case officer who dealt with your request.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the MPS made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the MPS to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing, within forty (40) working days from the date of the refusal notice, and addressed to:

FOI Complaint
Public Access Office
PO Box 57192
London
SW6 1SF

et.police.uk

In all possible circumstances the MPS will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the MPS if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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