

1. What legislation governs the use of equipment at the disposal of police forces in protest situations?*Principally Police Act, to some extent Criminal law.*

2. What types of equipment are police forces permitted to use in protest situations? (For example: batons, shields, water cannons, rubber bullets, etc.)

*Batons, shields, pepper spray, K9 units and Police horses, helmets, some supplementary protection for policeman.*

3. 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;

*We have about 400 policemen in Finland who are trained for crowd management situations. Each of them has personal equipments.*

b. The amount of times that such equipment types have been used in the last five years;

*Several times a year. In Finland we do not have any so called riots, only non-violent demonstrations or protests.*

4. What guidance and training are police provided with on use of equipment for dealing with protest? Please send a copy or direct website link to any guidance documents regarding the use of force in such situations.

*Every policeman, who is trained for crowd management situations, gets a one week training, including principles, tactics and legislation to use force in crowd management situations.*

5. Has the police or government compiled any evaluation reports on the policing of protests in the past five years? If so, please send a copy of the evaluation documents or direct me to the direct on-line link.*No. It has not been necessary.*