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Dear Morgane Dussud,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your request for information received below, which I have dealt with in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. An unprecedented level of requests for information coincided with the re-organisation of the police service in Scotland and the relocation of the Information Governance Unit.

Requests:

As below.

Responses:

1. There are a number of pieces of legislation which govern the activities of the police when actions are taken for a policing purpose. You may find the following documents useful. These are available online as follows:

Manual of Guidance on Keeping the Peace 2010 – available online (endorsed by ACPOS)

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

This document covers public order policing, management of operations and deployment of resources at a local, regional and national level.

Manual of Guidance on the Management, Command and Deployment of Armed Officers 2011 – available online (endorsed by ACPOS)

<http://www.acpo.police.uk/documents/uniformed/2011/201111MCDofAO3.pdf>

This document is specific to firearms, which is another option available to the police service in certain circumstances. Both documents include a summary of the legislative framework within which related police activities are planned and implemented.

2. There is no direct legislation which governs the use of the equipment available to the police in protest situations. The above documents do, however include guidance on the planning and implementation of policing activities in the context of protest situations. This includes consideration of what is deemed to be proportionate in given situations.

3. The requested information is exempt under Section 35(1)(a) and (b) (Law enforcement) and Section 39(1) (Health and safety) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Release of the requested information would indicate the Force's ability to respond to incidents which could then be used by individuals intent on wrong doing to gauge with some accuracy the likelihood of the deployment of such equipment against them during the commission of crime and take steps to prepare for such deployment which would provide them with a tactical advantage when planning or perpetrating crimes. Furthermore, this would also be likely to endanger not only the officers concerned but also members of the public who could be injured as a result of such action.

The exemptions require consideration of the public interest test. Disclosure of the information would provide the public with an indication of the resources available to the police, and the potential level of expenditure involved in equipping officers to deal with a variety of situations. This may provide a level reassurance that the police are adequately equipped and the resources are managed effectively.

However, disclosure of the information would realise the harm indicated above. This would place both officers and the public at risk.

In this case, the public interest lies in ensuring that the police can undertake effective operations without concern that information about capacity and capability will undermine those efforts.

4& 5. With regard to both these questions, I would refer you to the documents available on-line which are listed in the response to question 1.

If you require any clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] or

Email: [REDACTED]@scotland.pnn.police.uk If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance and within 40 working days of receiving this letter to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, 173 Pitt Street, Glasgow, G2 4JS.

If, after receiving a response, you remain dissatisfied, you have six months within which you may Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS. Phone:

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Yours sincerely,

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From ██████████ www.lbp.police.uk
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Morgane Dussud has to d us the fo ow ng :-

Request for Informat on Regard ng Po ce Equ pment and Tra n ng for Protest S tuat ons Dear S r or Madam, I am wr t ng to request informat on and/or documents he d by you or stored n arch ves access be to you regard ng po ce act ons n s tuat ons of pub c demonstrat on, assemb y or protest. Spec fica y, under the Freedom of Informat on (Scot and) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A), I am request ng the fo ow ng: For each quest on sted be ow, please prov de nformat on and/or documents re at ng to the act v t es of the po ce forces n s tuat ons of protest. We refer to "protest" as assemb es of peop e (nc ud ng marches, demonstrat ons, ra es etc) n wh ch the mot ve for the assemb y, usua y n a pub c p ace, s for the purposes of express ng themse ves about ssues of concern. 1. What eg s at on governs the use of equ pment at the d sposa of po ce forces n protest s tuat ons? 2. What types of equ pment are po ce forces perm tted to use n protest s tuat ons? (For examp e: batons, sh e ds, water cannons, rubber bu ets, etc.) 3. For a the equ pment types ava ab e for use by po ce officers n s tuat ons of protest that are supp ementary to norma po ce equ pment, please prov de me w th data nc ud ng: a. The number of tems n the possess on of po ce forces for each equ pment type; b. The amount of t mes that such equ pment types have been used n the ast five years; 4. What gu dance and tra n ng are po ce prov ded w th on use of equ pment for dea ng w th protest? P ease send a copy or d rect webs te nk to any gu dance documents regard ng the use of force n such s tuat ons. 5. Has the po ce or government comp ed any eva uat on reports on the po c ng of protests n the past five years? If so, please send a copy of the eva uat on documents or d rect me to the d rect on- ne nk. I k nd y request you to prov de th s nformat on and/or these documents n e ectron c format f at a poss be. For responses nc ud ng datasets (for examp e for quest on 2 above), I wou d be very gratefu f you cou d send me the requested data n an Exce or other type of spreadsheet format. If you shou d requ re any further nformat on, or a c ar ficat on of any part of th s request, please do not hes tate to contact me. Thank you. Yours sncere y, Morgane Researcher, Human R ghts Access Info Europe

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