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Dear Ms Dussud,

Freedom of Information Reference: Our ref: FOI-2013127/2085

Thank you for your correspondence received by my office on the 24 April 2013.

You have requested the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

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.

Your request will now be considered and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Act, subject to the information not being exempt. In some circumstances West Yorkshire Police may be unable to achieve this deadline. If this is likely you will be informed at the earliest opportunity. If you no longer require the information, please inform us

at your earliest convenience.

The information supplied in connection with this application will be used for the purpose of the administering of this request and to ensure the accuracy of Police systems.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Durham
Force Information Manager

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