



## Freedom of Information Request 592/12

Response date: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012

1. How many drones do you own, operate or have access to?
2. Kindly provide any policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on department use of drones, including on the legal process required (including the retention of information gathered), if any, before operating a drone;
3. Kindly provide any requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase and/or use of drones;
3. Kindly provide any records concerning the police force's plans to use drones in the future including the purposes drones are being considered for;
4. How many requests have been made by your police force to the Civil Aviation Authority for a licence to use a drone, and how many of these requests
  - a. have been refused?
  - b. are still outstanding??

### RESPONSE

#### Question 1

No information held.

#### Question 2

No information held.

#### Question 3

No information held.

#### Question 4

No information held.

#### Question 5

No information held.

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The Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities:

Section 1(1)(a) requires, unless exemptions apply, the authority to confirm or deny whether information is held. The second duty, under Section 1(1)(b), is to disclose any information held (again, unless exemptions apply).

Where exemptions do apply, Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Wales Police, to provide applicants with a notice which:

- (a) states that fact,
- (b) specifies the exemption in question and
- (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

Additionally, South Wales Police force can neither confirm nor deny that they hold any other information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemption:

### **Section 23 (5) – Information Supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies**

The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3).

This is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

In accordance with the Act, this letter acts as a refusal notice for this part of your request.

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