



Freedom of Information Request: 2009/380

Response Date: 15/07/2009

2009/380 – Operational Policing - UAVs

In reply to your recent request for information;

“I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

The number of times your police force has authorised the use of or made use of unmanned surveillance drones (or UAVs) in each of the following periods for the purposes of preventing or detecting crime:

1 Jan – 31 Dec 2006 ii) 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2007 ii) 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2008 ii) 1 Jan – 21 June 2009

- a) The total cost to your force of deploying these drones in each of those time periods (staff costs, rental, fuel, processing of images etc)***
- b) The number of unmanned drones or UAVs which are owned by your force.***
- c) The names of the organisations from which you have rented/borrowed unmanned drones or UAVs during each of the time periods mentioned above.***
- d) A copy of any rules of deployment used by your force during those time periods.***
- e) The number of personnel and their rank employed by your force trained to operate or authorise the use of UAVs in each of these time periods***
- f) The amount of data measured in gigabytes recorded by the UAVs in each of the time periods.***
- g) The names of all the databases which hold any of the information recorded by these UAVs on your behalf.”***

North Wales Police can provide the following response. The Force has not authorised the use of or made use of unmanned surveillance drones during the periods the request covers. In relation to the seven sub questions, North Wales Police can provide the below answers to them.

- a) Not applicable.
- b) North Wales Police currently do not own any UAVs.
- c) North Wales Police have not rented or borrowed UAVs during the relevant periods.
- d) Not applicable.
- e) Nil
- f) Not applicable.
- g) Not applicable.