Freedom of Information Request 355/12

Response date: 26th June 2012

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request access to and copies of all documents, including emails, meeting reports, minutes, emails and official communications relating to

Consideration of the potential use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)/Unmanned Aerial Systems (UASs) since January 1, 2009.

I would like the response to include all discussions within the force and with other forces and interested parties, including potential suppliers, during the period.

Response

In response to your request for information please see attached the correspondence held by South Wales Police relating to potential use of UAVs. Please note that the date on the letter is not the date it was written. Due to a technical issue the date automatically updates when the document is opened in ‘word’.

Additionally, South Wales Police 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.