



### **Freedom of Information request 638-13**

- 1. Has your force used (in a trial or otherwise) or considered using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)?**
- 2. If your force has not considered using UAVs, could you state why not?**
- 3. If your force has used or plans to use UAVs in a trial or other capacity, could you please provide:**
  - a. The dates, times and locations of the trials.**
  - b. The purposes for which they were/are to be carried out.**
  - c. The manufacturer and model of the UAV used/to be used.**
- 4. Has any sort of plan or timetable been produced by the force in order to make preparations for the introduction of UAVs?**
  - a. If so, please provide a copy of the plan/timetable.**
- 5. Have any force representatives held discussions with representatives of UAV manufacturers or manufacturers' industry bodies on the issue of the introduction of UAVs? If so, please can you provide:**
  - a. Dates, times and agendas of the meetings; b. Minutes of the meetings.**
- 6. Have any force representatives held discussions with representatives of other police forces in relation to the use of UAVs? If so, please can you provide:**
  - a. Dates, times and agendas of the meetings; b. Minutes of the meetings.**
- 7. Has your force received from central or local government or the Association of Chief Police Officers any instructions, advice, recommendations, guidance or information relating to police use of UAVs?**
  - a. If so, please provide a copy of the documents provided.**

**8. Has your force designated a single point of contact (SPOC) for unmanned aerial systems?**

**Clarification received: I would like it to cover the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013**

**RESPONSE**

Question 1

British Transport Police took part in a trial of unmanned aerial vehicles approximately 3-4 years ago. The Officer who dealt with this trial has now left British Transport Police and there is no paperwork held in relation to it.

Question 2

Not applicable

Question 3

Please see the answer to question 1

Question 4

Not Applicable

Question 5

No Information held

Question 6

No Information held

Question 7

No Information held

Question 8

No Information held

Additionally, British Transport Police can neither confirm nor deny that they hold any other information relevant to this request, by virtue of the following exemptions:

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

Section 23 is an absolute class-based exemption and therefore there is no requirement to conduct a harm or public interest test