

14 August 2013

Dear Mr Jones

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
Our Ref: 003245/13

With reference to your e-mail received 18/07/2013 requesting information as reproduced below:

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?*

I am writing to issue a clarification to my recent FOI request - I would like it to cover the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2013.

I can confirm that Northamptonshire Police holds no information relative to your request in the timescales stated.

In addition to the above Northamptonshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds any other information relevant to your request as the duty in S1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of the following exemptions.

Section 23(5) Information supplied by, or relating to, Bodies dealing with Security Matters.

This refusal should not be taken to mean that the information you have requested exists or does not exist.

Section 23 is a classed based absolute exemption and therefore there is no need to explain the public interest considerations in this area.

I trust you find this information to be satisfactory but if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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