

14 August 2008

Your Ref:

Our Ref: 0662/08

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Dear Mr Manderson

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0662/08

I refer to your request for information dated 9 August 2008 which was received by Strathclyde police on that date.

In order to identify the incidents of vandalism you have requested would involve a physical check of each individual Crime Report which for the year 2006 would require a search of approximately 16,000 records and would cost over £600 or 40 hours as prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

I have discussed your request with a Senior Analyst in Force and can advise that a search of our Crime Management System using a key word search, such as RELIGIOUS, CATHEDRAL, MONASTERY, MOSQUE, TEMPLE, etc, would be able to provide you with the number of crimes of vandalism recorded and detected against religious premises including churches, chapels, synagogues, mosques and temples, however this search will not identify other property owned by these organisations, for example, hostels, community venues, staff accommodation.

In order to progress your request further, I should be obliged if you could advise me how or if you wish to proceed with this request.

Your request will now be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act). You will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Act, subject to the information not being exempt or containing a reference to a third party. The 20 working days will commence upon receipt of the additional information requested from you. If, however, the additional information requested has not been received by 11 September 2008, I shall assume that you no longer wish to proceed with this request and will treat it as withdrawn.

In some circumstances, Strathclyde Police may be unable to meet the 20 working day deadline, however, if this is the case then you will be informed and given a revised timescale at the earliest opportunity. There may be a fee payable for the retrieval, collation and provision of the information you request. If this is the case, you will be informed and the 20

working day timescale will be suspended until we receive payment from you. If you choose not to make payment then your request will remain unanswered.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Strathclyde Police. Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0141 435 1262 quoting the reference number given.

Yours sincerely

Lorna Grieve
Freedom of Information Officer