

**Mr John Walker**

By e-mail to: request-21400-1a1c85f4@whatdotheyknow.com

Our Reference: 46932

16<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Dear Mr Walker,

I am writing with reference to your request for information regarding Common Purpose, dated 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked for the following information:

*1. the names and ranks/grades of all employees in your organisation who are Common Purpose 'graduates'.*

This information is not held by the NPIA.

*2. the total expenditure by your organisation on Common Purpose courses from your formation to date together with a copy of the invoice for each Common Purpose course paid for by your organisation.*

I have established that the total amount of expenditure on Common Purpose courses is £9558.00.

The FOI Act obliges us to respond to requests promptly and in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. We must consider firstly whether we can comply with s1(1)(a) of the Act, which is our duty to confirm whether or not the information requested is held and secondly we must comply with s1(1)(b), which is the provision of such information. However, when a qualified exemption applies either to the confirmation or denial or the information provision and the public interest test is engaged, the Act allows the time for response to be longer than 20 working days, if the balance of such public interest is undetermined.

In this case, I can confirm that we do hold the invoices within the scope of your request, but we have not yet reached a decision on where the balance of the public

interest lies in respect of either of the above obligations. We estimate that it will take an additional 5 working days to take a decision on where this balance lies. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by 20<sup>th</sup> November 2009. If it appears that it will take longer than this to reach a conclusion, you will be kept informed.

The specific exemption(s) which apply in relation to your request is/are:

Section 31 (Law enforcement) – the requested information contains bank details which may be use to commit fraud. This is a qualified exemption and we are therefore required to decide whether this information is in the public interest to disclose.

Section 40 (Personal Information) – the request information contains personal information of non-NPIA staff.

### **Your right to complain**

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 3 – 6 weeks. You should write to:

David Horne  
Director of Resources  
National Policing Improvement Agency  
10-18 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1H 0NN

E-mail: [david.horne@npia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:david.horne@npia.pnn.police.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by the NPIA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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Further information about the NPIA is routinely published on our website at [www.npia.police.uk](http://www.npia.police.uk) or through our publication scheme. If you require any further assistance in connection with this request please contact us at our address above.

Yours sincerely,

**Andy Woodgate**

IKS Advisor

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