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Dear Sir,

YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am sorry about the delay in replying to your e-mail of 14th January 2010 in which you request the IPCC Casework Manuals as referred to by the IPCC Chief Executive during oral evidence taken on 24th November 2008 before the Committee of Public Accounts.

The IPCC Casework Manuals are accessible through the IPCC web site or the IPCC publication scheme. I would refer you to http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/index/resources/evidence_reports/ipccguidelines_papers/ipcc_resources_caseworkmanual.htm

Therefore, the information held by the IPCC in answer to your request is already reasonably accessible to you and is for that reason exempt from the general right of access by virtue of the exemption contained in section 21 of the Act, which concerns information reasonably accessible to the applicant.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review by our FOI appeals officer, who has had no involvement in dealing with your request. If you wish to complain about any aspect of this decision, please contact:

Freedom of Information Act Complaints
IPCC
90 High Holborn
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E mails should be clearly marked 'Complaint against FOI decision' and sent to: foi@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk.

Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner; however, I should point out that under section 50(2)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, you are normally obliged to exhaust the public authority's own internal complaint mechanism before complaining to the Information Commissioner.

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Thank you for your interest in the IPCC.

Yours sincerely

Philip Johnston
Independent Police Complaints Commission