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Mary Hughes
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29 April 2010

IPCC Contact:
Philip Johnston

Dear Ms Hughes,

YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am sorry about the delay in replying to your e-mail of 11th March 2010 in which you request information about the funding of the IPCC and how much the IPCC spends on doing reports for the police.

Information concerning the Commission's funding and expenditure is published annually by the IPCC in its annual report. All of the annual reports published to date can be viewed on line at www.ipcc.gov.uk/index/resources/evidence_reports/corp_reports-plans.htm or can be requested in printed format on application to IPCC Enquiries at the above address.

As to the Commission's funding, I would refer you in particular to notes 2 and 3 on page 93 of the 2008-09 annual report, this being the most recently published annual report. The report for 2009/10 will be published in the next few months.

Therefore, detailed information about the Commission's funding and expenditure is already accessible to you and the published information 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, having consulted the Commission's annual reports you find that you require further information about a specific aspect of the IPCC's expenditure which has not been reported, you should contact us again and identify the particular activity that you would like to know more about. The IPCC web site should assist you in refining your request.

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
London
WC1V 6BH

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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.

Yours sincerely

Philip Johnston
Independent Police Complaints Commission