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To whom it may concern;

I am writing with reference to your request for information regarding the size and scope of the National ANPR Database, dated 6th June 2010.

Under Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act, you are required when submitting a request, to provide a name and address for correspondence. Further guidance from the Information Commissioners Office clarifies this as your full name (see link below). As you have not submitted your full name, this is not a valid request under the Freedom of Information Act.

[http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/library/freedom\\_of\\_information/detailed\\_specialist\\_guides/name\\_of\\_applicant\\_fop083\\_v1.pdf](http://www.ico.gov.uk/upload/documents/library/freedom_of_information/detailed_specialist_guides/name_of_applicant_fop083_v1.pdf)

However, the guidance also suggests that a public authority should still consider dealing with the request even though it is not valid. On this occasion, the request has been dealt with in accordance with current FOIA legislation.

You asked for the following information:

*How many fixed cameras feed information into the NADC database  
Which organisations (Highways Agency, Police Forces, etc) supply  
ANPR read data to the NADC*

*Which organisations (Highways Agency, private companies, etc) allow  
their cameras to be tasked for the purposes of providing data for  
the NADC database.*

*How many 'read' hits are there. For example, how entries on the  
NADC's database are there of a car passing an ANPR camera site.*

*How long is ANPR read data routinely recorded for.*

In response to your request we can provide you with the following information:

*How many fixed cameras feed information into the NADC database*

The number of cameras feeding data to the National ANPR Data Centre (NADC) varies on a daily basis. Over the last 7 day period (3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010), the NADC has received data from 4,045 cameras. We do not hold information on the breakdown between fixed and mobile cameras.

*Which organisations (Highways Agency, Police Forces, etc) supply ANPR read data to the NADC*

The NADC is supplied ANPR data only by police forces.

*Which organisations (Highways Agency, private companies, etc) allow their cameras to be tasked for the purposes of providing data for the NADC database*

All data held in the NADC is provided by police forces, and we do not hold information on which organisations' ANPR cameras have provided data to those forces. However, we understand that some forces operate cameras jointly with local authorities for the purposes of crime investigation and detection.

*How many 'read' hits are there. For example, how entries on the NADC's database are there of a car passing an ANPR camera site*

There are currently 7.6bn read records stored in the NADC.

*How long is ANPR read data routinely recorded for*

ANPR read data is stored only for as long as is operationally necessary and not routinely more than two years.

Yours sincerely,

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