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Date 24 April 2009

Dear Mr Sittampalam

When I wrote to you on 14 April acknowledging receipt of your request for a review of the handling of the request for information you sent asking for details of Home Office funding made available to the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), I said I had been asked to carry out that review. The purpose of this letter is to let you know the outcome of that review.

In order to carry out my review of the handling of your request, I discussed it with the Home Office unit where it is being considered. I established that your request was received at the Home Office on 10 March and was due to be replied to by 7 April. I understand that due to unexpected absences from within their team your request was delayed. I acknowledge that the Home Office has therefore breached the statutory deadline contained in section 10(1) of the Act in this case. I apologise for this and regret that you were not at least contacted to explain that there would be a delay. I have recommended to the unit that they should let applicants know if there is to be a delay in the handling of a request.

I understand that the unit have now drafted a reply to send you and that you should receive this in less than two weeks. Should you be dissatisfied with the content of that substantive response when received, we will be pleased to conduct a review of its contents.

Should you be dissatisfied with the content of any further review that you might request, or with the content of this letter about the time being taken to answer your initial request, you have further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioner as set out in section 50 of the FoI Act. The Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Kirk', written in a cursive style.

Steve Kirk