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By Email

Dear Mr Mackenzie,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 581/12

I refer to your email of 30 October 2012, in which you requested information in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

I have repeated your questions hereunder, for your ease of reference;

1. Can you tell me how many staff employed by Grampian Police have had training to be involved in Information Operations?

2. Can you tell me how many Information Operations Grampian Police is involved in; and whether they all take place within your area (if not please provide breakdown)?

3. Can you tell me how many persons there are who are targets within Information Operations in your area?

The term 'Information Operations' is not one that is used by Scottish Police Forces, and I am advised that it is terminology used in the military and therefore, would have no relation to police work. As such, I cannot provide the information you seek in terms of section 17 (1) (b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – information not held.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries. However, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to proceed, please write to Iain Gray, Head of Information Disclosure Unit, Grampian Police, Woodhill House, Westburn Road, Aberdeen, AB16 5AB, within 40 working days of receiving this letter, stating clearly that you request a review and the decisions you wish reviewed.

If, after having been informed of the review decision you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision within six months of the date of the review response. Contact details are Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jody McKenzie
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