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Dear Mr Graham

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 000063/13

Thank you for your request for information regarding costs of undercover police operations which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

Please provide the total costs for undercover police operations aimed at gaining intelligence from all civil protest groups since 2000.

Please provide the specific costs of the same activity for father's rights groups such as Fathers for Justice, Real Fathers for Justice and New Fathers for Justice etc.

ACPO Response:

ACPO do not hold information captured by your request.

The Chief Constables' Council, the senior decision-making body for the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), ratified in January 2011 the decision for the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to become the lead force for the National Coordinator for Domestic Extremism (NCDE) and the three domestic extremism police units which sit underneath it.

The National Public Order Intelligence Unit was established to support police forces in managing the intelligence around the threat to communities from public disorder connected to domestic extremism and single issue campaigning.

It is responsible for the gathering and collating of intelligence from police forces in England and Wales to identify domestic extremism issues being dealt with by individual forces, and evaluating and analysing them to understand how they relate to other incidents across the country.

Because domestic extremists do not work within police force boundaries, each force submits their intelligence to NPOIU, who then feed it into a database and analyse the information to identify common incidents, tactics and people committing offences across the country.

This information is then fed back to the police forces concerned, to allow them to see the bigger, national picture and join up their investigations, if appropriate.

A consideration for you may be to make a request with the Metropolitan Police Service.

On this occasion, I am unable to assist you.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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