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Dear Mr Tindell,

Reference 27998

Thank you for your e-mail of 30th June 2013, in which you ask for detail relating to the RSPCA's access to the Police National Computer (PNC). Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Your request was,

'The RSPCA has been given access to the Police National Computer (PNC). Please disclose details of any investigation into or assessment of (including emails, memoranda and reports) the legal basis for this.'

I am writing to advise you that the information you have requested is not held by the Home Office.

The RSPCA do not have direct access to the PNC; information is made available to the RSPCA on request to the forces and the Association of Chief Police Officers Criminal Records Office (ACRO).

I am unable to provide any further suggestion of organisations that may be able to assist you apart from the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) which I understand you have already contacted for this information.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 27998. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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