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Dear Ms Scott

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
SUBJECT: OPERATION PLANET**

I refer to your email dated 07/11/2013 regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

QUESTION

Operation Planet

- 1 What was the purpose, remit and terms of reference of the operation
- 2 What dates it ran
- 3 What results it achieved in terms of number of arrests, number charged, number of convictions and for what offences for each
- 4 Who the Police officer was in charge and how many officers were on the operation
- 5 Why the operation was instigated
- 6 Where the operation was run from and what area did it cover
- 7 Why was the name chosen
- 8 Where this information is now kept, and in what form -physical or electronic
- 9 Whether there were any Executive Summaries or reports produced
- 10 What legal entity is Police Scotland. If a corporation , what is the corporate number

RESPONSE

There is no information held regarding Operation Planet in any division of Police Scotland apart from Edinburgh/legacy Lothian & Borders Police whose response is noted below. Therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I must inform you that we do not hold the information you have requested.

Edinburgh/Legacy Lothian & Borders Police

Questions 1,2, 3, 5 & 6

The information you seek is obtainable through open-source searching of the Internet, As you are able to access this information yourself, under section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I need not disclose the information to you.

However, to be of some assistance I have attached a link to the relevant website below;

<http://www.ukcolumn.org/article/operation-planet-abuse-justice-crown-office-scotland>

Question 4

The officer who oversaw the investigation was Detective Superintendent George Ritchie and the Reporting Officer was Detective Inspector Peter Robertson. Due to the passage of time we cannot confirm how many officers were involved in the investigation therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I must inform you that we do not hold the information you have requested.

Question 7

As this is an historic case we cannot confirm the procedure for choosing operational names. Procedures have changed over the years and latterly there is no particular reason for picking names. Local divisions keep a register of available operational names. The first letter reflected the division it belonged to e.g. operations beginning with "a" belonged to A Division (former City of Edinburgh division). These names are taken from the dictionary and allocated to each operation on an alphabetical basis.

Question 8

Information relating to offences is kept in line with our Records Retention schedule. Files exist in electronic and paper format.

Question 9

Police Scotland does not hold information relating to Executive Summaries or Reports therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I must inform you that we do not hold the information you have requested.

Question 10

Police Scotland was established by Section 6 of the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 which states "There is to be a constabulary to be known as the Police Service of Scotland".

I trust that the information available is of assistance and should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me on 01463720555 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance and within 40 working days of receiving this letter to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Service of Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, 173 Pitt Street, Glasgow, G2 4JS. (Or email xxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xxxxxx.xx)

Once informed of the Review decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; 'Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS', telephone 01334 464610.

Yours sincerely

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