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Dear Mr John

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 000084/15

Thank you for your request for information regarding ACPO which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

I understand that ACPO was scrapped on 1 April this year, to be replaced by the NPCC.

When I check the Companies House records however, I find ACPO remain listed as "Active", and no document appears to have been filed to strike the company off. The last accounts suggest the company holds circa 1.5 m in assets (*).

Please could you disclose to me,

1. On what date will the Association of Chief Police Officers be formally liquidated & dissolved.
2. To whom will the assets of ACPO be redistributed upon the liquidation
3. What amount of money will be returned to the UK Treasury as public funds
4. Confirm or deny that Chief Constable Sara Thornton from Thames Valley Police remains a director of ACPO
5. What amount of money will Chief Constable Sara Thornton and other ACPO Directors receive as a consequence of the liquidation

(*) <https://www.duedil.com/company/03344583/the-association-of-chief-police-officers-of-the-united-kingdom>

NPCC Response:

The NPCC does hold information captured by parts of your request.

1. The NPCC does not hold a record which specifies the date ACPO will be formally dissolved. I can advise outside of the Act that this is a voluntary insolvency process where a licensed insolvency practitioner will be appointed to wind up the company in accordance with Company Law. Our current expectation is that all creditor invoices will have been met and that the legal process is concluded by July 2015. ACPO is no longer trading as a company.



2. The Articles of Association state that any residual assets can, at the discretion of the Directors, be committed to another organisation whose role and function are similar to that of ACPO or alternatively that the funds can be returned to forces.
3. As above.
4. CC Thornton remains as a Director of ACPO but has voluntarily disassociated herself from any meetings over the last three months in order to separate her role as a Chair of the NPCC and her role as Director of ACPO.
5. No funds will be given to the Directors.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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