



FOI : 51708
29 January 2018

Dear A Brunt,

Thank you for your e-mail of 29 December in which you request the following information:

- 1) Any data in respect of real false flag events that may have been specifically orchestrated to introduce a 'national security defence' to supplying information that may expose planned and organised abuse or may expose government complicity in planned and organised abuse?
- 2) Whether the Home Office, its employees or contractors have ever supported people to make false criminal accusations, in order to discredit genuine victims of similar crimes or to try and influence genuine victims to not pursue justice via the criminal justice system (i.e. to try and modify real victims behaviour if they are seeking justice)?
- 3) If the Home Office has ever pressured any Police force to not investigate serious criminal offences.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In answer to Question 1

I can confirm that the Home Office does not hold the information which you have requested.

In answer to Questions 2 and 3

Under Section 12 of FOI Act, we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £600 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. We are therefore unable to comply with your request. The searching, collating, and assessing of the information requested would exceed 24 hours.

The £600 limit is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 24 hours of work per request. The cost of locating, retrieving and extracting information can be included in the costs for these purposes. The costs do not include considering whether any information is exempt from disclosure, overheads such as heating or lighting, or items such as photocopying or postage.

The Home Office may be able to provide some information in scope of your request if you refine your request by either reducing the time period of your request and/or specifying a category to bring the cost of compliance under the limit.

Please note that if you simply break your request down into a series of similar smaller requests, we might still decline to answer it if the total cost exceeds £600.

Equally, even if a revised request were to fall within the cost limit, it is possible that relevant exemptions in the Act might apply.

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 **51708**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

Information Rights Team
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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,

Freedom of Information
Home Office