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16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Antony Steig

Via email to: request-465779-  
83e96ab4@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Steig

**FOI reference 1670**

Thank you for your request received on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Your request for information was as follows:**

For the period 2010-2017 inclusive please provide the number of checks requested by the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC), showing:

1. Positions applied for ( indicating number for each individual position) 2. What level of check was carried out

If this would not take this request over the costs limit, please break down the information by calendar year.

**Clarification**

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Disclosure and Barring Service's handling of my FOI request 'Checks requested by IPCC'.

I have decided to ignore the fact that your email does not qualify as a refusal notice under s17 FOIA.

The grounds of our application for internal review are that DBS do indeed hold the requested information. Information of the same nature has been released in the past, for example in response to this FOI request

[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/names\\_of\\_positions\\_for\\_certain\\_o#incoming-1048921](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/names_of_positions_for_certain_o#incoming-1048921)

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: [https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/checks\\_requested\\_by\\_ipcc](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/checks_requested_by_ipcc)

## **Response**

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Home Office.

The (DBS) helps employers make safer recruitment decisions and prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups, including children.  
Please accept our apologies for our email dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 incorrectly informing you that we did not hold this data.

Please find the attached document detailing your request.

Our searches identified that 28 standard disclosure applications were received in 2017 where the potential employer name was IPCC. There were no matches found in our IT system from 2010-2016 where either the 'Post Applied For' or 'Potential Employer Name' contains any of the following word strings "Police Complaint" or 'IPCC'.

## **Your right to request an internal review under the Freedom of Information Act**

If you are dissatisfied with our response or our handling of your FOI request, you may request an internal review by e-mailing [dbsfai@dbb.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:dbsfai@dbb.gsi.gov.uk) or by writing to Freedom of Information Manager, Disclosure and Barring Service, PO Box 165, L69 3JD. You should submit any request for review within two months of the date of this letter.

In all possible circumstances, the Disclosure and Barring Service will aim to respond to your request for review within 20 working days and in any case no longer than 40 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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