



Our reference: FOI 1001388

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16 July 2008

Dear Mr MacLean

Re: Your Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write with reference to your request for information dated 19 June 2008, in which you ask for the following information:

1. Details total expenditure by the Independent Police Complaints Commission on Common Purpose courses for each of the following years: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to date.
2. Please also supply a copy of the invoice for each Common Purpose course paid for by this organisation.

I am writing to advise you that, in accordance with section 1(1)(a) and 1(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1.-(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled-*
- (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and*
 - (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him*

The IPCC became operational on 01 April 2004; we do not hold any information prior to that date. I am pleased to confirm that we do hold the information.

We checked our records for details of payment to Common Purpose. The only transaction we had with Common Purpose was when a staff member attended a personalised development leadership course called 'The Know' details of this course can be seen on the following link:

<http://www.commonpurpose.org.uk/home/programmes/theknow.aspx>

The IPCC spent £4,964.38 pounds including VAT on this course, please find enclosed invoice for your review.

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The total expenditure of the IPCC from 01 April 2004 to date is £4,964.38. We are going to disclose a copy of the invoice as the IPCC would like to be open and transparent in its expenditure of public funds.

Please note that the invoice dated 09 November 2007 has been redacted under section 40(2) and section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Exemption under section 40 (2) and section 40(3) - Personal Information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

- (a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and*
- (b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.*

(3) The first condition is—

(a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of "data" in section 1(1) of the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene—

- (i) any of the data protection principles, or*
- (ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and*

(b) in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

I find that disclosure of personal details of third parties would constitute unfair processing because I do not believe that the IPCC staff member who attended the course and the bank details of Common Purpose should be released to the general public. Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act preserves the right of privacy of third parties.

I have carefully considered your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. However, if you are not satisfied with the decision regarding the disclosure of the information you requested under the Freedom of Information Act, you have a right of appeal. Pursuant to section 50(2)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, you are obliged to exhaust the IPCC's own internal complaint mechanism before appealing to the Information Commissioner.

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If you wish to appeal against this decision, please contact:

Freedom of Information Act Appeals
IPCC
90 High Holborn
London
WC1V 6BH

E mails should be clearly marked 'Appeal against FOI decision' and sent to:
foi@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Parker', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

Ms Vangie Parker
Freedom of Information Officer
Independent Police Complaints Commission

Encl: Invoice dated 09 November 2007

Common Purpose, c/o MANCAT, Openshaw Campus, Ashton Old Road, Manchester M11 2WH
tel: 0161 231 5914 email: manchester@commonpurpose.org.uk
www.commonpurpose.org.uk



Invoice

Please make cheques payable to Common Purpose UK and return to the address above.

PAID

Invoice to Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) - [Redacted]		Invoice number AQ 0326
		Invoice date/tax point 09 November 2007
		Our reference 1

Quantity	Description	Price	VAT %	VAT
1	[Redacted] Common Purpose TheKNOW 2007/2008.	4225	17.50	739.38
Sub total		4225		739.38
		Amount due		4964.38

VAT registration no. 719 1006 60

Terms: Please remit within 14 days. Tuition fees must be remitted prior to the commencement of the programme.

If paying by BACS

Bank Name [Redacted]

Sort Code [Redacted]

Address [Redacted]

Bank Account Name
Common Purpose UK

Account Number [Redacted]

Payment Terms

Attendance on a Common Purpose programme is conditional on receipt in full of the tuition fee by Common Purpose prior to the start of the programme or event. (This condition also applies in the case of a participant who has demonstrated a clear need for financial assistance.)

Goods/Services Received by: [Redacted]

Date: 13/11/07

Invoice Approved by: [Redacted]
(Budget Holder)

Date: 13/11/07

A/c Code: [Redacted]

Cancellation and Refunds

Notice of cancellation must be received in writing by post or by fax and is subject to the following terms:

- where notice of cancellation is received fewer than 30 days prior to the start of the programme, the payer will be liable for 100% of the programme fee
- where notice of cancellation is received between 30 and 56 days prior to the start of the programme, the payer will be liable for 50% of the programme fee
- where notice of cancellation is received more than 56 days prior to the start of the programme, Common Purpose will make a full refund of the fee paid

no refund of fees will be made for absence due to illness or for withdrawal from the programme for any reason.

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Please detach this slip and return it with your cheque

Remittance Advice

I attach cheque no. [] for the sum of [] made payable to Common Purpose UK.

Name of paying organisation [] **Invoice number** AQ 0326

Date [] **Our reference** []