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Dear Ms Makepeace

Thank you for your e-mail of 13 March, in which you ask for information on:

“what the budget has been for the cyber crime/security unit within your organisation annually from 2006 onwards. In addition, if this budget has been used for anything substantial that year (for example the addition of a high tech crime lab or a specific cyber crime project etc) please could this information be included?”

Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are considering your request. Although the Act carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as ‘qualified exemptions’, are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

The information which you have requested is being considered under the exemptions in sections 24(1) and 31(1)(a) of the Act, which relate to the safeguarding of national security and the prevention or detection of crime. These are qualified exemptions and to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20 working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by 12 May 2017.

If you have any questions about the handling of your information request then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

FOI Team