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Our Ref: 299.2015-16/1269.2015-16

Your Ref:

Date: 21st March 2016

Mr M Price

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Dear Mr Price

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST NO: 299.2015-16

I write further to your email dated the 11th March 2016.

The original response to your request (reference 299.2015-16) was finalised some time ago (although I cannot tell the exact date from the file), and it was my responsibility to send it to you. I do apologise for this oversight and any inconvenience caused. We have received a number of requests about this subject matter and as you are aware, they relate to ongoing and sensitive proceedings, which means they have taken a long time to progress. The two members of staff you referred to previously had no responsibility for completing or progressing your request, that responsibility was mine. Please again accept my apologies for the delay in getting this response sent out to you.

In respect of the rest of your email of the 11th March, I have logged the following questions as a new FOI request, reference 1269.2015-16.

- 1. Ref to Q 2, just to clarify, Chief Constable Dave Jones gave the orders for these officers to be used in this manner is that correct?
- 2. Ref to Q 3 Could you say what Operation Rome was set up for and what Operation Hyson is for and when they started and finished.
- 3. Who headed Operation Rome and who heads Operation Hyson?
- 4. What was the cost of Operation Rome from the last cost estimate Sept 2014 to when it ended?
- 5. Did it involve any more than the 14 police staff and officers?
- 6. What are the costs of Operation Hyson to date and how many police and staff does that involve?
- 7. Ref to Q 4. Could you tell me what a manual estimate is and involves?
- 8. Could you tell me what date the estimate was made, with written documentation to back this up.
- 9. Ref to Q 5 "What was the incident that first triggered the investigation of the journalists"
- 10. What occurrences happened in Oct 2010, Sept 2011 and Dec 2011 for public money to be used, that the police are now seeking recompense for from the journalists.
- 11. What rank are all the officers concerned in the £386,347?
- 12. When was the Police and Crime Commissioner first contacted for permission for money to be utilised for a civil action and when did that permission come through? Please supply the written documentation for these occurrences.

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Your request will now be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

Should you have any queries concerning this matter, please write quoting the reference number above.

Kind Regards

Yours sincerely

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