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Monday 17 October 2022

Dear Mary Atkinson,

Re: Freedom of Information request – 72224

Thank you for your emails of 10 October, in which you ask for information regarding Immigration Enforcement activity. Your requests, which have been amalgamated and are outlined in full at Annex A, have been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I am unable to confirm whether the Home Office does hold information within the scope of your request. Under section 12(2) of the FOIA, the Home Office is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the appropriate limit. We estimate that the cost of identifying whether any information is held would exceed the appropriate 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 it. 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. In this case the time taken to identify whether information is held, would exceed this limit.

This is because, in order to respond to your request for information we would need to conduct a manual review against all Immigration Enforcement visits within the specified period to ascertain whether we can identify the information you have requested.

With regard to your request for information about the total number of Immigration Enforcement visits conducted from 2018 to date. You have asked for visits conducted to police stations. There is no visit category for police stations, however we may be able to provide information on police enquiries. I would be grateful if you can please clarify whether you are seeking information on police enquiries. Furthermore, we may be able to provide information on the total number of Immigration Enforcement visits from November 2018 to September 2022 broken into premises type.

It is difficult for us to suggest how you could narrow your requests in relation to information about the risk ratings for immigration enforcement visits or the numbers of enforcement visits conducted by unmarked vehicles. However, if you wish to submit a revised request, we would be happy to consider it.

I should also point out that if you submit a revised request, it is possible that other exemptions in the FOIA 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 foirequests@homeoffice.gov.uk, quoting reference **72224**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

A link to the Home Office Information Rights Privacy Notice can be found in the following link. This explains how we process your personal information:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/information-rights-privacy-notice>

Yours sincerely,

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Annex A

From: Chai Patel <request-906757-01c9e911@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 10 October 2022 14:54

To: FOI Requests <FOIRequests@homeoffice.gov.uk>

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Enforcement visits - business, residential and other

Dear Home Office,

Please consider the following a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It relates to the different types of premises at which enforcement visits are carried out.

Please disclose the requested information for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and January 2022 up until the date on which this request is responded to.

Please disclose the total number of enforcement visits carried out across the UK during that period, and a breakdown of the different types of premises at which they were carried out, including:

- Business
- Residential
- Care home
- Religious premises
- Police station

If possible to include within the cost limit, please also disclose a breakdown of the outcomes of these raids - for example, the number of people encountered, detained and so on.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Atkinson

From: Chai Patel <request-906767-db4e05da@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 10 October 2022 15:07

To: FOI Requests <FOIRequests@homeoffice.gov.uk>

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Enforcement visits - RAG ratings

Dear Home Office,

Please consider the following as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Home Office guidance on enforcement planning assessments states that officers planning an enforcement visit must assess whether a planned operation is green, amber or red risk.

For enforcement visits planned to take place from January 2022 to the date on which this request is responded to, please disclose:

- how many were green rated
- how many were amber rated
- how many were red rated

Please disclose how many were rated amber and red due to risks with people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Atkinson

From: Chai Patel <request-906763-f8a6e27f@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: 10 October 2022 14:58
To: FOI Requests <FOIRequests@homeoffice.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Enforcement visits by unmarked vehicles

Dear Home Office,

Please consider the following as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It relates to enforcement visits being carried out by unmarked vehicles.

Please disclose the requested information for 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and from January 2022 up until the date on which this request is responded to.

Please provide a breakdown of how many enforcement visits were carried out by unmarked vehicles, compared to how many were carried out by marked Immigration Enforcement vehicles. Please provide this data for all enforcement visits carried out across the UK.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Atkinson

From: Chai Patel <request-906979-3d20ef94@whatdotheyknow.com>
Sent: 11 October 2022 14:57
To: FOI Requests <FOIRequests@homeoffice.gov.uk>
Subject: Freedom of Information request - Enforcement visits at care homes

Dear Home Office,

Please treat the following as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please disclose, on a monthly basis from September 2021 until the date on which this request is responded to, the number of enforcement visits to care homes or care providers, as described in Home Office guidance on Enforcement Visits, accessible on page 23 here:

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Please also disclose the number of individuals arrested as a results of enforcement visits to care homes or care providers, for the same dates as above. If possible, please provide a breakdown of subsequent action / outcomes (i.e. number of removals effected). Please be advised that such information has previously been released, relating to an earlier time period, in FOI request 61378.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Atkinson