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Friday 18 November 2022

Dear Mary Atkinson,

Re: Freedom of Information request – 72648

Thank you for your email of 3 November, in which you ask for information regarding immigration enforcement visits conducted using unmarked vehicles. Your request, which is outlined in full at the enclosed annex, 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 your enquiry at this time.

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.

It is difficult for us to suggest how you could narrow your requests in relation 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 Act 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 **72648**. 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,

Immigration Enforcement Secretariat

ImmigrationEnforcementFOIPQ@HomeOffice.gov.uk

From: Chai Patel <request-913568-fc258f61@whatdotheyknow.com>

Sent: 03 November 2022 08:50

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

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Enforcement visits - Immigration Enforcement 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