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Dear Mr Fallon,

Freedom of Information Reference: Our ref: FOI-20111/224480

Thank you for your correspondence received by my office on the 26 August 2011.

You have requested the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Subject : Freedom of Information request - Gatso Calibration and Training
Body : Dear West Yorkshire Police, I would like to request a FOI disclosure which is basically to understand the annual money payments to Serco and Gatso for the calibration and maintenance of cameras, staff training, and how the speed is calculated as part of the secondary check. Q1. How many fixed post Gatso (FPG) and Gatso Red Light(GRL) cameras were in use, on an annual basis, by your partnership in the past three financial years? Q2. For these cameras, for the past three financial years, what were the total cost amounts paid(TCAP) for the annual calibration of these cameras, identifying the TCAP to intermediate agents such as Serco and the company Gatsometer B.V, and the additional amounts of V.A.T added ? Q3. Please confirm if the partnership have ownership of these cameras, paid in full, or any other arrangement. Q4. Please confirm if the calibration contracts (CC) have been agreed for a fixed term with break penalty clauses or negotiated annually, if the CC are inclusive of a greater contract regarding maintenance, and who signed the contracts on behalf of the partnership. Q5. After the cameras have been returned following calibration please confirm if, apart from the calibration certificate, Gatsometer B.V provide a report on any faults detected and items replaced and, if so, please identify the items, including batteries, that have required replacement. Q6 After calibration, please confirm if the cameras are returned with a shutter speed of two photographs at intervals of 0.5 seconds, and if your Camera Enforcement Officers make any adjustments to the shutter speed or flash setting prior to reinstallation and, if so, what are the setting adjustments?. Q7. Regarding the secondary check viewing, please advise how the viewing staff are trained for their task, who does the training, are certificates of completion provided, and are the staff given post training assessments or hard copy reference documentation. Is the work of the viewing staff audited or reviewed at intervals? Q8. For FPG please confirm the distance between the calibration lines on the road which are part of the secondary check, so that one can calculate the speed if five lines are passed.

Your request will now be considered and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Act, subject to the information not being exempt. In some circumstances West Yorkshire Police may be unable to achieve this deadline. If this is likely you will

be informed at the earliest opportunity. If you no longer require the information, please inform us at your earliest convenience.

The information supplied in connection with this application will be used for the purpose of the administering of this request and to ensure the accuracy of Police systems.

Yours sincerely,

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Freedom of Information Project Officer

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Steven Harding
Head of Information Management

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