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Dear Mr Fallon

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0706/2011

I refer to your original request for information dated 25 August 2011, our response on 20 September 2011, and subsequent correspondence seeking clarification dated 23 September 2011, 29 September 2011 and 1 October 2011.

Further, in respect of the additional clarification received at this office on 22 October 2011, relative to the below point, our response follows:

Thank you for confirming that the figure of 67 refers to sites rather than cameras.

To complete this enquiry, as originally requested, I would just appreciate knowing the actual number of Gatso Speed Cameras which currently have valid calibration.

For your information, the parts that require calibration for Home Office type approved are the camera itself plus associated radar unit. This is the equipment which is circulated around the camera housings. When there is no live unit installed in a housing the camera technicians fit a 'dummy' flash unit which has a radar detector but does not need calibration as it doesn't lead to prosecution but does give the appearance of being operational.

To clarify, Strathclyde Safety Camera Partnership currently operates 16 Gatso speed cameras which are calibrated and circulated around all the Gatso speed housings.

Again, it should be borne in mind that the purpose of safety cameras is visible deterrence to speeding in the interests of road safety, not simply catching offenders after they have risked public safety. All housings are clearly marked with yellow and red markings and have associated camera information signage and speed limit reminders on approach.

I hope this information is helpful, however, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to

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Mrs Sheena Brennan, Disclosure Manager at the above address within 40 working days of receiving this letter.

Once informed of the Review Panel's decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Strathclyde Police. Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0141 435 1217 quoting the reference number given.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer