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Reference: 097-2014

Dear Mr Roulston

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REQUEST DETAILS

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 12 November 2014, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002:

The Audit Scotland Annual Audit report 2011-12 about the Central Scotland Joint Police Board states ".....we note that HMICS are in the process of undertaking a review of the governance arrangements relating to the post of Assistant Chief Constable. This review is expected to report its review in 2013"

The same report later states "We understand that Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland has recently launched an investigation into the Board's handling of the case. We will continue to monitor progress in this area with a view to considering the effective use of public monies"

An interim report was prepared by the HMICS in November 2012 and contained a commitment that the final report would be submitted by 10th May 2013

Other correspondence from the HMICS states "the matter was passed to the new SPA" which implies that this happened early in 2013 consistent with the quoted deadline.

Could I please have a copy of both the interim and final reports mentioned above together with all appendices for both reports.

RESPONSE

Your request for information has been considered and the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) is able to provide the following.

The SPA can confirm that in relation to the interim report prepared by HMICS in November 2012, it was provided with a copy of the report in May 2013 however the report was subsequently returned to HMICS as the SPA had no reason to retain the document.

This therefore represents a notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 that the interim report prepared by HMICS in November 2012 is not held.

The SPA can confirm that it holds a redacted hard copy of the interim report. We are aware that you have been provided with a copy of the redacted interim report and I would be grateful if you could confirm whether or not you require the SPA to provide a copy of the redacted interim report.

The SPA would draw your attention to the information provided in the response to you by HMICS in terms of the status/content of the final report, link copied below for ease of reference.

<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/181215/response/583553/attach/4/20141112%20Letter%20to%20M%20Roulston.pdf>

This therefore represents a notice under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 that the final report by HMICS is not held.

I trust you will find this information to be in order, 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 an internal review of the decision made by SPA. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to the Interim Head of Information Management within 40 days of receiving this letter.

If, after receiving the internal review response, you remain dissatisfied, you have six months within which you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner;

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Yours sincerely

Information Management