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Our ref:

CM/PA/001848/20

Your ref:

Dear Russ Hunter

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I write in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information request submitted on the 25/08/2020, Hampshire Constabulary has now considered this request, which has been repeated below and have responded accordingly.

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Response

I would like to request data regarding the number of catalytic converters reported stolen within your jurisdiction.- Can I please receive the total thefts for each individual time period of:01/04/2017 31/03/201801/03/2018 31/03/201901/04/2019 - 31/03/2020 -Could this be a total count of recorded thefts within the boundaries of:

Your jurisdiction and possible, Southampton & Portsmouth

Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information in a retrievable format. The cost of determining if the information is held, locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.

In order to ascertain the number of recorded thefts of catalytic converters a large manual review would be required. There no specific category for the theft of a catalytic converter and, as such, a manual review of all theft from motor vehicle occurrences would be needed to see if a catalytic converter was involved. With thousands of theft from motor vehicle offences in the time period specified, this would greatly







exceed the cost limit.
In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, if one element of a request exceeds the statutory cost limit, the whole request may be refused on grounds of cost. As such, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of your whole request.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the Public Access office at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, via telephone on 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745 or at the website www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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