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Your ref:  
Our ref: 01/FOI/22/026066

16/08/2022

Dear Ms Yinsey Wang

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 Acknowledgement - Reference:  
01/FOI/22/026066**

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 12/08/2022. I note you seek access to the following information:

***I am afraid the format that you provided does not break down the granular details of East and Southeast Asian. Note other police forces have been able to satisfy our request. In fact when an organisation I am working with requested this data, you were able to provide much more usable data in 2021:***

***<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdrive.google.com%2Ffile%2Fd%2F1NxoQtWCclZIBKrrDBG3OPrMjquTi3Vy4%2Fview&data=05%7C01%7CMPSDDataOffice%40met.police.uk%7C8d9099da38e44733cd1a08da7c57bea2%7Cf3ee2a7e72354d28ab42617c4c17f0c1%7C0%7C0%7C637959013549731974%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=4vTS6RL8%2BoQ9TNR3nX4IRc2pumHnY%2BYxytNoYX0ulGw%3D&reserved=0>***

***What are you using instead of Oriental (which was a historic designation you used)? Are you using Asian to capture those you would have classified as Oriental?***

***Please could you provide us with month to month breakdowns for the years 2019 to 2022 with actual BREAKDOWNS between the individual ethnic group identifiers that relate to East and Southeast Asian. This data is extremely important given the cosmopolitan nature of London. If you are unable to give month by month breakdowns, could you please***

*give annual totals?*

Your request will now be considered in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act). You will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Act.

Due to an increase in the volume of work received by the Data Office we regret to inform you that we have fallen behind in our processing and are experiencing delays.

We can assure you we are working as fast as we can to process your request and we are looking into ways to increase our staffing to accommodate the increase of work received by the MPS.

If you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact us at [foi@met.police.uk](mailto:foi@met.police.uk), quoting the reference number above. Should your enquiry relate to the logging or allocations process we will be able to assist you directly and where your enquiry relates to other matters (such as the status of the request) we will be able to pass on a message and/or advise you of the relevant contact details.

Yours sincerely

**Data Office Triage Team  
Information Rights Unit**

## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

**Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?**

You have the right to require the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome to discuss the response with the case officer who dealt with your request.

### **Complaint**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the MPS made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the MPS to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing, within forty (40) working days from the date of the refusal notice, and addressed to:

FOI Complaint  
Information Rights Unit  
PO Box 313  
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[foi@met.police.uk](mailto:foi@met.police.uk)

In all possible circumstances the MPS will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days.

### **The Information Commissioner**

After lodging a complaint with the MPS if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk). Alternatively, write to or phone:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
Phone: 0303 123 1113