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Dear Mr Aviram

FOI request re GLA training procurement and delivery

Thank you for your request for information from the GLA. This has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and a list of your questions along with the answers held by the GLA is provided below.

The information requested was (responses in **bold**). As the GLA does not hold much of the information you request it has not been necessary to create a separate spreadsheet:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act in regards to recorded instances of human trafficking, smuggling, slavery and abuse in the agricultural, horticultural and shellfish industries within Avon and Somerset between May 2011 and May 2015. Could you please supply me with the following information in an excel spreadsheet accompanied with copies of relevant case reports:

Q1. Number of GLA operations pertaining to human trafficking, smuggling, slavery and abuse within the agricultural, horticultural and shellfish industries within Avon and Somerset between May 2011 and May 2015.

The GLA does not run operations as part of investigations into the issues above as it only has the power to investigate unlicensed provision of labour within its designated sector. As an organisation, we do attend operations to assist investigations into the offences listed but this would be as a partner to the police or other investigative body leading the inquiry.

Q2. Breakdown of nationalities of individuals suspected to be victims of human trafficking, smuggling, slavery and abuse between May 2011 and May 2015.

This information is not held by the GLA. The UK Human Trafficking Centre would be able to provide some of the figures requested.

Q3. Number of recorded instances of unlicensed gangmaster activity within Avon and Somerset between May 2011 and May 2015.

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Q4. Number of charges, details of charges, and convictions pertaining to unlicensed gangmaster activity, human trafficking, smuggling, slavery and abuse within the agricultural, horticultural and shellfish industries in Avon and Somerset between May 2011 and 2015.

Nil.**

***Please note that the GLA records its cases by county and not constabularies so this answer refers only to those recorded in Somerset. There was one additional case in Gloucestershire but from the information held it is not possible to determine whether this was in the Avon and Somerset region.**

**** This answer refers only to gangmaster activity as the GLA is not empowered to investigate or pursue any criminal charges for the other issues listed.**

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request an internal review of our decision by contacting the Authority at complaints@gla.gsi.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of any internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted the GLA's own complaints procedure.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,



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