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Dear Ms Martin

Re: Freedom of Information – 40890

Thank you for your e-mail of 25 August, in which you ask for information regarding enforcement visits to East Street, London. Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You specifically ask:

For each enforcement visit for the purposes of arrest or detention that has occurred on East Street in Southwark, London, over the last 3 years I would like:

- 1 - I would like the date and time of each visit to a premises?*
- 2 - The specific power of entry used for each visit? (eg. warrant, AD letter from senior management, consent). (2b) If time constraints allow I would also like redacted copies of the proof of right of entry for each instance as well.*
- 3 - How many people did you have 'intelligence' on (eg. a name, description) for each visit?*
- 4 - How many people were detained on each visit? (4b) and, if possible, for what reason?*
- 5- If possible, how long was each person detained for and what was the action following detention? (eg. deportation, release etc.)*

This request comprises many parts, if a part falls under an exemption I would still like the other parts answered.

We are considering your request. Although the Act carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified exemptions', are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

The information which you have requested is being considered under the exemption in section 31(1) (e) of the Act, which relates to the operation of immigration control. This is a qualified exemption and to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20 working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by 18 October.



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If you have any questions about the handling of your information request then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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