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Dear Mr Bennett

Thank you for your e-mail of 17th November 2015, in which you ask for the following information in relation to the 'seven terrorist plots foiled' announced by the Prime Minister on the 16th November;

- The precise dates (or if not known, give the approximate dates) when these seven terrorist attacks were planned to take place;
- In each case, give the locations where these terrorist attacks were planned to take place;
- In each case, state how many individuals are known or thought to have been involved in conspiring to commit each terrorist attack;
- In each case, state how many individuals have been:
 - arrested and questioned
 - charged with a criminal offence (if charged, state what offence they were charged with)
 - successfully prosecuted and convicted of terrorist-related offences
- Overall, out of the total numbers involved in planning these terrorist offences, please state how many are now either in custody or prison.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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 confirming or denying whether the information is, or is not held. 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 exemptions in sections 31(3) and 24(2) of the Act, which relate to law enforcement and national security.

These are qualified exemptions and absolves us from the requirement to say whether or not we hold information, and the public interest falls in favour of neither confirming nor denying.

In order 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 15 January 2016.

We are neither confirming nor denying whether we hold the information you have requested. Therefore, this response should not be taken as conclusive evidence that the information you have requested is or is not held by the Home Office.

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

Yours sincerely

FOI Team