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Your ref: **Our ref:**

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Mr Ian Puddick
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Dear Mr Puddick

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REF: COL/11/215

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29 April 2011 in which you seek access to the following information:

1. *My home & office were simultaneously raided. How many officers came to my home in Palmers Green N13 to arrest me on Thursday 13 May 2010?*
2. *How many officers came to my office in Whetstone N20 to arrest me on Thursday 13 May 2010?*
3. *How many of these officers were armed?*
4. *Please could you provide the name of the officer that requested armed support and on what grounds?*
5. *If armed support was declined, please confirm on what grounds armed support was declined?*
6. *Could you provide the name of the City of Police Counter Terrorism & Major Crimes Directorate operation name for the arrest warrant on May 13 2010?*
7. *Could you provide information on how many officers were involved in monitoring and examining the website www.policexpenses.co.uk (aka www.ianpuddick.com)?*
8. *Please confirm that City of Police Counter Terrorism & & Major Crimes Directorate took legal advice about censoring the content of www.ianpuddick.com?*
9. *Please provide the names of the heads of the specialist crimes unit that met with Ben Hamilton, Managing Director of Kroll and who paid for the lunch?*

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10. *Guy Carpenter Limited paid Kroll Limited to be involved in the investigation of the website www.policeexpenses.co.uk, did City Police use tax payer's money to engage the private services of Kroll limited?*
11. *How much money did Kroll invoice City of London Police for their services 1 Jan 2010 - year end Dec 31 2010?*

Questions 1 to 11

Public Authorities are subject to two duties in respect of Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act. The first is to confirm whether or not the requested information is held (subsection 1 (a)) and the second is to disclose the information if it is (subsection 1 (b)). Both requirements are subject to exemptions and where exemptions are applied, section 17 of the Act requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which a) states that fact, b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The City of London Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information that you have requested as the duty in section 1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act does not apply, by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 40 (5) – Personal Information

The duty to confirm or deny does not arise by virtue of section 40 (5) where giving such confirmation or denial would disclose personal data, in contravention of any of the Data Protection Principles or Section 10 of the Data Protection Act. Any disclosure made by virtue of the Freedom of Information Act is regarded as a public disclosure and not a disclosure to an individual. This request relates to the arrest of a named individual for an alleged offence and confirmation that the information is held would publically confirm that a criminal offence is alleged against that named individual. Disclosure of such personal information is likely to be unfair and be in contravention of principle one of the Data Protection Act. This is a class-based exemption and it is not necessary to demonstrate the potential for harm to occur. In these circumstances, this is also an absolute exemption which is not subject to an assessment of the public interest.

Additional information relating to your request

Please note that Section 7 of the Data Protection Act provides a right of access to personal data about the applicant, known as a Subject Access Request. Such disclosures are private and to ensure that the information is only disclosed to the data subject, proof of identity is required. Such applications are additionally subject to the payment of a £10 fee.

If you wish to make a Subject Access Request, please advise me accordingly and we will forward an application form to you, together with additional advice.

If you wish to make a complaint against any City of London Police Officer, may I suggest that you write to:

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Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to your request. Should you have any further questions, please contact me via e-mail, letter or telephone, quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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