



FOI Reference: 120/2012

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, for the years 2006 to 2011 would you please fully disclose:

- (a) How much revenue has been received by the police force for services rendered by way of private investigations, bailiff/eviction type services, or by any other method of paid services, work performed, or contractual agreements made to business, private individuals, or organisations of any kind?
- (b) Please outline the type of work or service rendered, in each case and disclose the revenue received for each type of service.
- (c) How much revenue has been generated by the force for endorsements of any kind?
- (d) Please indicate the types of products/services that the force endorsed for remuneration/financial benefit/fee and the revenue received.
- (e) Please indicate total revenues from all sources, and break them down into categories.
- (f) How many manpower hours per year, in total, have been devoted to privately paid services/contractual work?

Clarification:

You have stated that your accountant is unable to determine what I mean by "any other method of paid services, work performed, or contractual agreements made to business, private individuals, or organisations of any kind"?

"Other Method", as the heading of my original email suggests, means

ALL SOURCES OF REVENUE (FROM WHATEVER METHOD THE FORCE USED TO OBTAIN IT)

To break it down even further for you:

Please tell me what MONEY the force received AND WHERE OR WHO IT CAME FROM IN EACH CASE, AND FOR WHAT REASON THE FORCE RECEIVED, EARNED, OBTAINED, GOT, OR ACQUIRED IT, in each case, and break it down in accordance with my original request.

To clarify once more PLEASE TELL ME EVERY AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL REVENUE (MONEY), RECEIVED AND/OR DEPOSITED INTO A BANK ACCOUNT OR OTHERWISE HELD (MEANING PUT SOMEWHERE ELSE), AND THE REASON BEHIND IT, AND THE SOURCE.

This should include any funds received by protection services.

And again: LIST ALL SOURCES OF REVENUE, THE AMOUNTS, AND THE REASON BEHIND RECEIVING THIS REVENUE.

Just once more: TELL ME THE AMOUNTS AND REASONS FOR ANY MONEY RECEIVED BY THE FORCE FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER AND THE REASON WHY.

NOTE: All means EVERYTHING

Are you now able to understand this request please? If you still cannot understand this request, please let me know and I will request an internal review.

Hopefully Dyfed Powys Police is not intending to conceal revenues and their sources by belabouring a request which is very clear to others.

Response:

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1) (b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

I can confirm that Dyfed-Powys Police does hold the information you have requested. However we are withholding the whole of the requested information since we consider that the Section 12 exemption the Cost of Compliance exceeds the Appropriate Limit applies to it.

Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Dyfed Powys Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption has been applied to the whole of the information you have requested.

Section 12 – The cost of compliance exceeds the Appropriate Limit

The cost of providing you with the information requested in respect of the **whole of the above request** is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would exceed 18 hours (i.e. minimum of 771.25 hours) to comply with this part of your request. The regulations can be located @

www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/si/si2004/20043244.htm

The Freedom of Information (FOI) Department has been advised by the Finance department that in order to provide a definitive and accurate response to the whole of this request each income code on the QL x electronic system for the 5 financial years (as in which the information is held) would have to be researched. There are 46 income codes on the system which would require researching to identify

how many records are held under each particular code in each of the financial years. Once identified electronically each hard copy record/invoice would have to be retrieved and researched for relevance to the request and if relevant the information collated. It has been established that for the 5 year period of the request there are a total of 92,551 records/invoices held that may be relevant to the request. Furthermore it has been estimated that to retrieve, research and collate any relevant information to the request would take a minimum of 30 seconds per record. **Therefore to complete the whole task in respect of this request would take 92,551 records @ 30 seconds per record = 46275.5 minutes divided by 60 = 771.25 hours.**

A yearly breakdown of the time estimated to complete the request is as follows:

2006/2007 = 6440 records @ 30 seconds per record = 3220 minutes divided by 60 = **53.66 hours**

2007/2008 = 7340 records @ 30 seconds per record = 3670 minutes divided by 60 = **61.16 hours**

2008/2009 = 5896 records @ 30 seconds per record = 2948 minutes divided by 60 = **49.1 hours**

2009/2010 = 36554 records @ 30 seconds per record = 18277 minutes divided by 60 = **304.61 hours**

2010/2011 = 36321 records @ 30 seconds per record = 18160.5 minutes divided by 60 = **302.67 hours**

Total Time = 771.25 hours

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for the whole of this request under Section 17(5) A public authority which, in relation to any request for information, is relying on a claim that section 12 or section 14 applies must, within the time for complying with section 1(1), give the applicant a notice stating that fact. However, you may wish to refine and resubmit your request so that it reduces the time shown above to fall within the 18 hours, however, having due regard to the time estimate provided and the format that would have to be undertaken to retrieve and collate any relevant information, the time estimate would remain the same and therefore would not fall within the 18 hours. However should you wish any advice or assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.