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FOI reference: 21543

**Alex Varney** 

16 February 2012

Dear Mr. Varney

Thank you for your e-mail of 01 February 2012, in which you request the following data:

"How many stop and searches have been conducted under the Terrorism Act in England and Wales after the introduction of the remedial order of the Terrorism Act which came to power 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011? Please may it include information on the given ethnicity as well. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000."

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

We believe that the information you have requested is already reasonably accessible to you.

The Home Office publishes statistics on arrests and outcomes under the Terrorism Act 2000 (Operation of Police Powers under the Terrorism Act 2000 and Subsequent Legislation: Arrests, Outcomes and Stops & Searches). The bulletin can be found on the Home Office website, a link to the latest edition of the publication is provided below: This was published on 15 December 2011 and covers the period from 01 April 2011 to 30 June 2011.

http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/counter-terrorism-statistics/hosb1911?view=Binary

Regarding your request, please refer to pages 15-20 of the bulletin.

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts the Home Office from having to provide you with this information, because it is already in the public domain. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information at the source which I have indicated, please contact me again.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference **21543**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staffs who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

J Fanshaw