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Reference: 064-2014R/053-2014

Dear Mr Roulston

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REQUEST DETAILS

Please find below our response to your correspondence received on 12 August 2014, in which you request a review in respect of the response to your Freedom of Information Request of 1 July 2014.

Your request for review stated:

I am writing to request an internal review of Scottish Police Authority's handling of my FOI request 'Senior Police Officer remuneration 2012/13'.

[I am now totally confused by this latest response where you say that you have now in fact reviewed my original request (which contradicts your earlier response where you refer to a handling error and the creation of a new request).

I have spoke to the SCO and was advised that I could ask for an internal review again for my request submitted on 1st July 2014 (as they agreed with your interpretation that my subsequent communication on 28th July 2014 was not a valid review request and should be treated as a new request)

I would be grateful if you could confirm that you are progressing this second request as previously intimated.

As far as my request on 1st July 2014 is concerned I am not happy with the response as I have simply been referred back to the very same section of the report which gave rise to my request i.e. the reference to the total remuneration etc paid to senior police officers in the SPA 2012/13 accounts which is quoted at £440,000 (from memory)

I was asking for the note that details the individual amounts for those senior officers that make up that total.

Those figures are shown individually for the 'civilian' counterparts in the SPA .

The figures have been provided for those civilian individuals and I would like the same information for the senior police officers who are all named elsewhere in those 2012/13 accounts

RESPONSE

The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) has considered your request for review and on this occasion has found that your request was answered appropriately. As per our previous communications, the scope of the review relates solely to whether the question you asked on the 1st July 2014 was answered.

Your question was "Salaries and accumulated pension costs and disclosures for these individuals have been provided within the wages and salaries note to the accounts".

The individuals named were the senior police officers appointed by the SPA to PSoS that year.

Could I please have a copy of this note to the accounts which does not seem to be attached to the accounts in the online version that I am viewing".

You were provided with a response that stated that the note to the accounts could be found on page 28 of the published annual report and that a full breakdown of costs will be contained within SPA's Annual Report 2013/2014, which is due to be published later this year.

I have attached a copy of the report. The note to accounts starts on page 26 of the document, with salary information appearing on page 28.

I trust you will find this information to be in order, however, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request for review has been dealt with you have six months within which you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner;

Scottish Information Commissioner Kinburn Castle Doubledykes Road St Andrews Fife KY16 9DS

Yours sincerely

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