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Dear Miss Awford,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 1 May 2013, in which you ask for details about police Taser use in the UK. In your request you ask:

1. The most recent statistics for taser use in the police - so taser use in 2013 please.
2. Exactly how many police officers in the UK have been accused of improper use of tasers in 2013 and which stations were they from?
3. How many investigations have been launched looking specifically at the issue of police use of tasers in 2013?
4. How many police officers have been found to have behaved inappropriately following the investigation and what type of punishment is carried out e.g. how many have been fired from the police?

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

Information relating to taser use by all England and Wales police forces after March 2010 is not currently available, due to data capture issues. The Home Office intends to publish England and Wales police service taser statistics imminently and subsequently at regular six monthly intervals.

Information relating to questions 2-4 is not recorded by the Home Office. For this, you will need to contact police forces directly or the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) at - <http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/en/Pages/default.aspx>. The IPCC will investigate the most serious complaints and allegations of misconduct against the police in England and Wales.

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 CR27379. 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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Yours sincerely

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