



CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding the below received on 27 January 2015. Your request has been handled under Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I hereby confirm that the CNC/CNPA does not hold information of the type specified.

1. For each year from 2000 to date, how many crimes did you record involving damage to, or destruction of, flags?
2. For each year from 2000 to date, how many crimes did you record involving theft of flags?
3. For each year from 2000 to date, how many complaints did you receive involving alleged inappropriate use of flags?
4. In relation to 3: how many of these complaints resulted in a caution or prosecution (of which how many were successful)?
5. For each year from 2000 to date, how many times were you called upon to investigate the display of a flag in public in such a way or in such circumstances as to arouse reasonable suspicion that an individual was a member or supporter of a proscribed organisation (Terrorism Act 2000 / Section 13).
6. In relation to 5: which flags?
7. In relation to 5: how many of these investigations resulted in a caution or prosecution (of which how many were successful)?
8. In relation to 5: in each case did you seek expert vexillological advice? If so, from whom?
9. Do you currently have a policy of seeking expert vexillological advice when dealing with an incident or crime relating to flags?
10. In relation to 9: if yes, please provide a copy of this policy.

Clarification

'Vexillological' means 'pertaining to flags'

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary is a specialist armed police service dedicated to the civil nuclear industry, with Operational Policing Units based at 11 civil nuclear sites in England, Scotland and Wales and over 1400 police officers and staff. The Constabulary headquarters is at Culham in Oxfordshire. The civil nuclear industry forms part of the UK's critical national infrastructure and the role of the Constabulary contribute to the overall framework of national security.

The purpose of the Constabulary is to protect licensed civil nuclear sites and to safeguard nuclear material in transit. The Constabulary works in partnership with the appropriate Home Office Police Force or Police Scotland at each site. Policing services required at each site are agreed with nuclear operators

in accordance with the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 and ratified by the UK regulator, the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR). Armed policing services are required at most civil nuclear sites in the United Kingdom. The majority of officers in the Constabulary are Authorised Firearms Officers.

The Constabulary is recognised by the Association of Chief Police Officers of England, Wales and Northern Ireland (ACPO) and the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland (ACPOS). Through the National Coordinated Policing Protocol, the Constabulary has established memorandums of understanding with the local police forces at all 11 Operational Policing Units. Mutual support and assistance enable the Constabulary to maintain focus on its core role.

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but, if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to complain. We will investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 3 – 6 weeks. You should write in the first instance to:

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If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by the CNPA.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

If you require any further assistance in connection with this request please contact us at our address below:

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Yours sincerely

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