Five police forces in England and Wales started trialling the use of Taser in April 2003. In September 2004 the Home Secretary authorised chief officers throughout England and Wales to deploy Taser. Chief Officers can now make the Taser available to authorised firearms officers in their force as a less lethal alternative for use in situations where a firearms authority has been granted in accordance with criteria laid down in the ACPO Manual of Guidance on Police Use of Firearms (available at www.acpo.police.uk).

We hold the following information that is provided to us by the Association of Chief Police Officers:

Since April 2003, there have been 572 incidents at which Taser has been used operationally. This can be broken down as follows:

- Drawn/aimed/application of projected red-dot   301 times
- Arced as a demonstration/warning   27 times
- Applied in drive-stun (direct contact)   26 times
- Fired (barb deployment)   218 times

This information by police force area is set out in the table below.

* Denotes original trial force (inc. data from April 2003)	FORCE	Drawn / aimed / red-dot	Arced	Drive Stunned	Fired	Total incidents when Taser used
	Avon + Som	1	1	0	3	5
	Bedfordshire	0	0	0	1	1
	Cambridgeshire	3	0	0	0	3
	Cheshire	1	1	0	3	5
	City of London	1	0	0	0	1
	Cleveland	5	0	0	9	14
	Cumbria	3	2	0	0	5
	Derbyshire	8	0	0	2	10
	Devon & Cornwall	0	0	0	2	2
	Dorset	16	2	2	8	28
	Durham	18	0	0	11	29
	Essex	2	0	1	4	7
	Gloucester	6	0	0	1	7
	Greater Manchester	2	0	1	4	7
	Guernsey	0	0	0	1	1
	Gwent	0	0	0	1	1
	Hampshire	0	0	0	7	7
	Hertfordshire	1	0	1	0	2
	Humberside	14	2	0	1	17
	Lancashire	6	0	0	3	9
	Leicestershire	0	2	0	0	2

Lincolnshire*	11	3	1	6	**21**
Kent	0	0	0	1	**1**
Merseyside	15	1	1	1	**18**
Metropolitan*	58	4	13	70	**145**
Norfolk	0	0	1	1	**2**
North Wales*	32	2	1	12	**47**
Northants*	6	0	0	5	**11**
Northumbria	32	0	0	3	**35**
Nottinghamshire	0	0	0	2	**2**
South Wales	0	0	0	1	**1**
South Yorkshire	0	0	0	1	**1**
Staffordshire	6	1	0	2	**9**
Strathclyde	5	0	0	3	**8**
Suffolk	0	0	0	5	**5**
Surrey	0	1	0	0	**1**
Sussex	1	0	0	3	**4**
Thames Valley*	5	0	0	5	**10**
West Mercia	8	0	0	5	**13**
West Midlands	7	0	1	10	**18**
West Yorkshire	28	5	3	20	**56**
Wiltshire	0	0	0	1	**1**
TOTAL	**301**	**27**	**26**	**218**	**572**

(Notes: Table as at 4 December 2006.
Only the highest level of 'use' during each incident is recorded (multiple uses during the same incident are
only recorded once on this table))