



CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding the below received on 17 June 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.

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. My request relates to IMSI (International Mobile Subscriber Identity) catchers, which allow authorities to gather data about users in a specific area. IMSI catchers can force phones to release their unique IMSI and IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) identity codes, which can track people's movements. Please note there are three parts to this request.

Part one:

As raised in the Department of Health case (EA/2008/0018), it is important that the public have the opportunity to scrutinise procurement decisions, "showing who public money is being spent on a particular service or good, and how the supplier arrived at the price that is being charged."

Furthermore, according to the Information Commissioner's Guidelines, the public interest is served where access to the information would: "further the understanding of, and participation in the debate of issues of the day; facilitate the accountability and transparency of public authorities for decisions taken by them; facilitate accountability and transparency in the spending of public money; allow individuals to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives and, in some cases, assist individuals in challenging those decisions; bring to light information affecting public security."

In light of this, I would like to request the following:

- From 1st January 2005, to the day this request is processed, contracts and purchase orders that contain the words: "IMSI catcher", "cell site simulator", "virtual base transceiver stations", "mobile phone jammer", or similar mobile phone surveillance and tracking devices held by Civil Nuclear Constabulary.**
- And all associated documents. I would expect this to include, but not limited to, any schedules, annexes, appendices, or other documents attached.**

Part two:

- **From 1st January 2005, to the day this request is processed, contracts and purchase orders between Civil Nuclear Constabulary and the following companies: Datong plc, Cellxion, and Seven Technologies Group.**
- **And all associated documents. I would expect this to include, but not limited to, any schedules, annexes, appendices, or other documents attached.**

Part three:

I would also like the following information:

- **The number of times Civil Nuclear Constabulary have used, or at least gained permission to use, “IMSI catchers”, “cell site simulators”, “virtual base transceiver stations”, “mobile phone jammers” or similar mobile phone surveillance and tracking devices. I would like a breakdown for the years 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011 and 2010.**

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
Wilmslow
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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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