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Dear Mr. Nelson

I am writing in response to your request for information regarding the below received on 9 February. 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 hold information of the type specified.

The amount of time health and safety investigations into work related stress for Police officers in the employ of the CNPA are taking from initiation to completion, where the final report is shared with the individual concerned, Stating the total length of time taken individually in regards to the 44 police officers quoted in the reply of FOI 2015-006 from 2010 until 20th April 2015 and the total length of time again individually for any Police officers post 20th April 2015 until today 8th February 2016.

The start dates of health and safety investigations into work related stress for Police Officers in the employ of the CNPA that are not yet complete from 2010 to 8th February 2016.

The amount of time health and safety investigations into work related stress for Police staff in the employ of the CNPA are taking from initiation to completion, where the final report is shared with the individual concerned, Stating the total length of time taken individually in regards to the 11 Police staff quoted in the reply of FOI 2015-006 from 2010 until 20th April 2015 and the total length of time again individually for any Police staff post 20th April 2015 until today 8th February 2016.

The start dates of health and safety investigations into work related stress for Police Staff in the employ of the CNPA that are not yet complete from 2010 to 8th February 2016.

This information is not held in an easily accessible format. We believe that the cost of collating the information in order to respond to your request would exceed the threshold of £450 which has been calculated to equate to a total of 18 hours of work. As a result, we are refusing your request under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. A full refusal notice is below.

Refusal Notice – Section 12 Freedom of Information Act 2000

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004:

“12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit”.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 2.5 days of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- “(a) determining whether it holds the information,
- (b) locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,
- (c) retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information, and
- (d) extracting the information from a document containing it”.

In relation to your request, the information you have requested cannot be easily retrieved and is not held centrally. In order to provide the answer to the question we would need to access each work related stress health and safety report separately (these are not held centrally and are held at each Unit). There are 55 reports that would need to be looked at and it is estimated that it would take approximately 1 hour to locate, retrieve and extract the relevant information from each report. Therefore, we estimate that it would take approximately 55 hours to comply with this part of your request.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, once one question exceeds cost the whole request is subject to cost.

This letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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 National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) 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
Cheshire
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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