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Dear Mr. Mery,

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 2008110004097

I respond in connection with your request for information dated 17/11/2008 which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 18/11/2008. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1) For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed by your force to the NDNAD.
- 2) For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of individuals that were arrested by your force. If this is different from the number of times officers from your force took DNA samples from arrested individuals, please provide this number as well and explain the reason for the difference.)
- 3) For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of individuals that volunteered their DNA samples to your force. If this is different from the number of times officers from your force took DNA samples from volunteers, please provide this number as well and explain the reason for the difference.)
- 4) For each calendar year since 2002, how many requests for DNA records removals has your force received. How many individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested sent these requests, and how many individuals who volunteered their DNA sent these requests.
- 5) For each calendar year since 2002, how many requests for DNA records removals has your force agreed to (i.e., where the Chief Officer decided "Yes - Action the removal of PNC, fingerprint and DNA records" as described in the step down model flowchart). How many were agreed for individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested; and how many were agreed for individuals who volunteered their DNA.
- 6) The name of the database in which is kept mug shot pictures of arrested individuals; details of what is kept in this database; and the details of the data controller for this database.
- 7) The name(s) of the database(s) in which is kept pictures, other than mug shots, taken during an investigation such as during a search operation and of individuals associated with a CJ arrestee; details of what is kept in this database; and the details data controller for this database.

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within the MPS to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by the MPS.

EXTENT OF SEARCHES TO LOCATE INFORMATION

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted within the MPS.

DECISION

It has been decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Q1) For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed by your force to the NDNAD.

Q2) For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of individuals that were arrested by your force. If this is different from the number of times officers from your force took DNA samples from arrested individuals, please provide this number as well and explain the reason

for the difference.)

Q1 & Q2)

| Year | Taken | Submitted |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| 2002 | 72,205 | 61,174 |
| 2003 | 67,263 | 57,838 |
| 2004 | 78,417 | 65,309 |
| 2005 | 154,269 | 103,770 |
| 2006 | 174,315 | 155,358 |
| 2007 | 142,906 | 88,210 |
| 2008(31/10) | 121,167 | 85,305 |

N.B. Samples are not submitted if the individual's details are already on the National DNA Database.

Q3) For each calendar year since 2002, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of individuals that volunteered their DNA samples to your force. If this is different from the number of times officers from your force took DNA samples from volunteers, please provide this number as well and explain the reason for the difference.)

Q3) The MPS does not centrally record which DNA profiles are volunteered.

Q 4) For each calendar year since 2002, how many requests for DNA records removals has your force received. How many individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested sent these requests, and how many individuals who volunteered their DNA sent these requests.

Q4) Requests for the removal of DNA profiles from the NDNAD have only been recorded from 2006.

| Year | Requests Received |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2006 | 23 |
| 2007 | 64 |
| 2008(as at 30/11/2008) | 110 |

Q5) For each calendar year since 2002, how many requests for DNA records removals has your force agreed to (i.e., where the Chief Officer decided "Yes - Action the removal of PNC, fingerprint and DNA records" as described in the step down model flowchart). How many were agreed for individuals who had their DNA taken when arrested; and how many were agreed for individuals who volunteered their DNA.

Q5) Requests for the removal of DNA profiles from the NDNAD have only been recorded from 2006

| Year | Requests Removed |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2006 | 11 |
| 2007 | 18 |
| 2008(as at 30/11/2008) | 21 |

Q6) The name of the database in which is kept mug shot pictures of arrested individuals; details of what is kept in this database; and the details of the data controller for this database.

Q6) The Custody Imaging System holds personal details, PNCID Number & date the image was captured. The Commissioner of the Metropolis is the Data Controller for the MPS.

Q7) The name(s) of the database(s) in which is kept pictures, other than mug shots, taken during an investigation such as during a search operation and of individuals associated with a CJ arrestee; details of what is kept in this database; and the details data controller for this database.

Q7) Pictures taken during searches are not entered onto any database but exhibited with any other evidence relating to an arrestee.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please contact me on telephone number 020 7230 4019 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Peter Royan-Posse
Case Investigation Officer

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

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You have the right to require the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again –

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the MPS made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the MPS to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

FOI Complaint
Public Access Office
PO Box 57192
London
SW6 1SF

In all possible circumstances the MPS will aim to respond to your complaint within three months.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the MPS if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

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Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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