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Dear Mr Mery

FOI Reference No : FOI-20083/21269

Thank you for your email dated and received by my office on the 11 Dec 2008. You have requested the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

2/ For each calendar year since 2005, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of individuals that were arrested by your force.

3/ For each calendar year since 2005, how many DNA profiles were contributed to the NDNAD of individuals that volunteered their DNA samples to your force.

4/ For each calendar year since 2005, 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 2005, 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. Based on your figures, my calculation shows that the above revised questions would require approximately 17 hours (possibly even less as I reduced the date range for all questions).

Can you please confirm that you agree with my understanding and calculation, and let me know when you will likely be able to provide me with a response?

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Your request will now be considered and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days as defined by the Act, subject to the information not being exempt or containing a reference to a third party. In some circumstances West Yorkshire Police may be unable to achieve this deadline. If this is likely you will be informed and given a revised time-scale at the earliest opportunity.

In exceptional circumstances, there may be a fee payable for the retrieval, collation and provision of the information you have requested. If this is the case you will be informed and the 20 working day timescale will be suspended until we receive payment from you. If you chose not to make a payment then your request will remain unanswered.

Yours sincerely

Phillip Warren

Freedom of Information Project Officer

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Head of Information Management

The information supplied in connection with this application will be used for the purpose of the administering of this request and to ensure the accuracy of Police systems.