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Mr David Mery
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Dear Mr Mery

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REF: COL/08/462

I write in connection with your request for information dated 16 November 2008 in which 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.*

Questions 1, 2 and 3

We do not hold this information in an easily accessible form. It is held in many thousands of individual records and a manual search would be required to extract the data. The cost of completing this work would exceed the statutory limit and it has not therefore been done.

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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?*

Questions 4 and 5

We have identified no record of any request for the removal of a DNA record having been made.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to your request. Should you have any further questions, please contact me via e-mail, letter or telephone, quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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