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**Subject:** Your Enquiry (Our ref: 2008/1392)  
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**To:** <dmery@acm.org>

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Dear Mr Mery,  
Enquiry Ref : 2008/1392

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18 November 2008 concerning DNA records.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing a response to your request resulting in your need to chase me up on the subject; I hope this has not been of inconvenience to you.

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

A) We can provide the information for financial years as follows :-

2002/3	4,919
2003/4	4,899
2004/5	4,751
2005/6	6,047
2006/7	6,536
2007/8	6,362
1/4/08 to 30/10/08	4,718

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.)

A) The only way we would be able to access this information is to examine all custody records for the periods specified. Even for 1 year it would probably take longer than the 18 hours stipulated by the Secretary of State. This falls under the exemption of 'Compliance exceeding the appropriate limit' covered by Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as such this work will not be undertaken. However it may be that this information is held by the National policing improvement agency.

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.)

A) as question 2

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.

A) Prior to 2006 No information is held.

2006 8 request received  
2007 12 requests received  
2008 7 requests received

We are unable to say whether the requests are from arrested persons or volunteers as this would entail checking the requests against all custody records, again this would take longer than the 18 hours stipulated by the Secretary of State. This falls under the exemption of 'Compliance exceeding the appropriate limit' covered by Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and as such this work will not be undertaken.

However it may be that this information is held by the National policing improvement agency.

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.

A) Prior to 2006 no information is held.

2006	2
2007	3
2008	7

for the second part of your question the answer to Q 4 applies

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request you have the right to request that we review your case under our review procedure. If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still dissatisfied you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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