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Our Ref 12586
Your Ref
Date 9th October 2009

Dear Mr Mery

I am writing further to my correspondence of 14th August 2009 regarding your information request dated 9th August 2009. We are now in a position to provide you with a full reply.

You asked for the number of responses received for each consultation (listed in Annex A below) which closed most recently. You also asked whether the Home Office distinguished between responses from individuals and responses from organisations and to be provided with both figures for each consultation. If this was not possible you stated you were content for the total number of respondents for each consultation.

I am pleased to be able to disclose most of the information that you requested. You will find this information located within Annex A below. However, please be aware that we were unable to provide the information broken down between organisations and individuals in regard to the consultation "End violence against women". This is because the department has received a large number of responses on this consultation and are still sifting through them to establish the types of responses received. A detailed list of those responses will be available in the consultation paper that will be published as standard at a later date.

We have also provided you with the response figures in relation to the consultation on "Identity cards act secondary legislation consultation" even though under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information act we are not obliged to do so as it is already in the public domain. We have included this information below in the interests of being helpful and you can find more detailed information on this consultation and the responses received, on page 24 of this link: http://www.ips.gov.uk/cps/files/ips/live/assets/documents/09-05-06_Identity_Cards_Act_Secondary_Legislation_a_Response_to_the_Consultatio



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In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. The department therefore, will be simultaneously releasing to the public the information you requested together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context

I hope that you find this information of interest, and would like to assure you that you have been supplied with all disclosable information that the Home Office holds. Where information has been withheld, I would like to assure you that we have considered the application of exemptions with great care in this case.

Yours sincerely

Martin Riddle
Information Access Caseworker

ANNEX A – Consultations and responses

	Organisations	Individuals	Total
Keeping the right people on the DNA database	90	413	503
Licensing of wheel clamping (vehicle immobilisation) companies	38	523	562
Protecting the public in a changing communications environment	55	167	222
Protecting crowded places	101	4	105
Review of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act	153	68	221
Consultation on protecting animals used in scientific research	87	in the order of 1068	1155
End violence against women			8700
Controls on deactivated firearms	73	103	176
Forensic Science Regulator	74	16	90
Identity cards act secondary legislation consultation	42	127	169
Proposal to increase fixed penalties for two types of driving offences	11	15	26
PACE review: proposals in response to the review of the police and criminal evidence act 1984	187	18	205

ANNEX B – Complaints Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting your complaint within two months to the below address quoting reference 12586:

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During the independent review the department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.