Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 2011080000762

I write in connection with your request for information which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 03/08/2011. I note you seek access to the following information:

- I would like to know the estimated cost of policing relating to the Defence & Security Equipment International arms fair at Excel this September. I would like to know how that figure is arrived at and the number of police officers deployed in relation to the event.

**EXTENT OF SEARCHES TO LOCATE INFORMATION**

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted within the Resources Directorate - Finance Services.

**RESULT OF SEARCHES**

The searches located the following information relevant to your request.

**DECISION**

I apologise for the delay in responding to your request. I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

The estimated total cost to the MPS of the full policing operation between 9 and 18 September including the policing of the setting up and dismantling of the event is £0.94m.

This figure is arrived at in the following manner:

- £0.85m of the estimate is in relation to opportunity costs. These costs cannot be regarded as an additional cost to the MPS; rather, the officers assigned to these duties would otherwise have been assigned to other policing duties or operations.
- £0.09m is additional costs of which £0.06m is overtime. £0.03m is non-pay costs. Non-pay costs include elements such as transport costs, catering costs, the erection of barriers and road signs and the purchasing of specialist equipment.

This represents a total of 3,047 police shifts and 49 police staff shifts dedicated to policing this operation.
The policing operation for the Defence & Security Equipment International Arms Fair (DSEI), between 12 and 18 September, included the Operation in respect of the policing of the opening of the Westfield Shopping Centre, Stratford City, (which opened for business on 13 September 2011) due to the proximity of the two events. The cost of the resources dedicated to Westfield Shopping Centre on the 13 September and related number of police shifts have been removed from the estimated cost of the DSEI policing operation as detailed above.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

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

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact [redacted] on telephone number 0207 230 3159 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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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, within forty (40) working days from the date of the refusal notice, and addressed to:

FOI Complaint
Public Access Office
PO Box 57192
London
SW6 1SF
PublicAccessOffice@met.police.uk

In all possible circumstances the MPS will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700

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