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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/01434**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 15th March. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. Total number of FOI requests received by the police force by year from January 2014 to the date this FOI request is processed.
2. Total number of FOI requests received by the police force which received a neither confirm nor deny response by year from January 2014 to the date this FOI request is processed.
3. Total number of FOI requests which received a neither confirm nor deny response by year from January 2014 to the date this FOI request is processed, by virtue of the following exemption: Section 23(5) Information relating to the Security bodies.
4. Total number of FOI requests which received a neither confirm nor deny response by year from January 2014 to the date this FOI request is processed, by virtue of the following exemption: Section 24(2) National Security.
5. Total number of FOI requests which received a neither confirm nor deny response by year from January 2014 to the date this FOI request is processed, by virtue of the following exemption: Section 30(3) Investigations.
6. Total number of FOI requests which received a neither confirm nor deny response by year from January 2014 to the date this FOI request is processed, by virtue of the following exemption: Section 31(3) Law Enforcement.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

**Response** – I am only able to provide the information for question 1 within the appropriate cost limit. This is because we are unable to run searches or reports or the system used to record FOI requests by NCND response type. Therefore the only way I could ascertain how many NCND responses there have been and the exemptions applied would be to manually review every request.

This means we would have to check a total of 4,819 which would vastly exceed the appropriate cost limit. Please see the information below that we can answer within cost;

**Q1** – Please see the below table detailing the number of Freedom of Information requests Hertfordshire Constabulary have received each year since January 2014;

Year	Number of Requests
2014	993
2015	1156
2016	1206
2017	1136
2018 (as at 01.04.2018)	328

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Hertfordshire Constabulary if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.