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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/05840

I write in connection with your request for information received on 12th October. I note you seek access to the following information:

how much expenditure had been allocated for the financial year 2019/20 to the purchase of

- (a) Riot Batons;**
- (b) Personal Protective Equipment for use in Riot Control operations;**
- (c) Riot Shields; and**
- (d) Non-Porous Bags used for the storage and transportation of corpses?**

She would be grateful if you could provide this information for your force, and set out:

1. How this compares to the expenditure allocated for the purchase of the same items by your force in Financial Years (a) 2018/19; (b) 2017/18; (c) 2016/17; and (d) 2015/16?;

and

2. What additional financial support your force has received from the Home Office to cope with any increase in these costs?

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

Q1 – Hertfordshire Constabulary does not budget locally to this level of expenditure therefore no information is held.

a) Expenditure on Riot Batons – 2015 £0

2016 £0

2017 £700

2018 £700

b) Expenditure on Personal Protective Equipment – No records located

c) Expenditure on Riot Shields – No records located

d) Expenditure on Non-Porous Bags for storage and transportation of corpses – No records located

Q2 – Hertfordshire Constabulary has not received any additional financial support.

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.