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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/05336

I write in connection with your request for information received on 20th September. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your force:

For each of the last ten years:

- 1) The number of police and civilian staff working in your fraud unit/squad (or how you name the division of your force that works on fraud and similar economic crimes)**
- 2) The number of investigations launched during the year into fraud**
- 3) The number of investigations closed during the year into fraud**
- 4) The number of people charged with fraud by your force in the year**
- 5) The amount allocated in your budget for your fraud unit/squad in the year**

Please provide the information in the form of numbers for each line in an excel spreadsheet or tabulated word document.

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 – Within the Serious Fraud and Cyber Unit there are 16.47 FTE Police Officers and 6.00 FTE Staff.

Q2 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Offence	Total
FRAUD BY ABUSE OF POSITION	2
FRAUD – ACQUIRE POSSESS USE PROCEEDS CRIME	1
FRAUD – MAKE / SUPPLY ARTICLES FOR USE IN FRAUDS	10
FRAUD – POSSESS ARTICLES FOR USE IN FRAUDS	27
FRAUD – UNAUTHORISED ACCESS TO COMPUTER MATERIAL	1

Q3 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Offence	Total
FRAUD BY ABUSE OF POSITION	1
FRAUD BY FALSE REPRESENTATION – OTHER	1
FRAUD – MAKE / SUPPLY ARTICLES FOR USE IN FRAUDS	14
FRAUD – POSSESS ARTICLES FOR USE IN FRAUDS	26

Q4 – Please see the below table detailing the information you have requested.

Offence	Total
FRAUD – MAKE / SUPPLY ARTICLES FOR USE IN FRAUDS	2

Q5 – This information is exempt from disclosure under s21 of the Freedom of Information Act, Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means.

Section 21 provides that where information is where information is available to you from another source we do not have to provide further copies.

The information you have requested is publicly available on the Hertfordshire Constabulary website at the following link;

<https://www.herts.police.uk/Information-and-services/About-us/Transparency/Spending-in-Hertfordshire/Annual-statement-of-accounts/Statement-of-accounts>

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.