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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/05525

I write in connection with your request for information received on 1st October. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please could I request the following information under the FOI act?

- 1) How many police dogs were used by your force in 2008?**
- 2) How many police dogs were used by your force in 2018?**
- 3) What is the total average annual cost to the force of one police dog?**
- 4) How many horses were used by your force in 2008?**
- 5) How many horses were used by your force in 2018?**
- 6) What is the total annual cost of to the force of one police horse?**

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 – Figure not available

Q2 – 50

Q3 – approx. 1000

Q4, Q5 and Q6 – 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 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;

http://www.hertspastpolicing.org.uk/content/crimes_and_incidents/policing-in-ww1/animals/hertfordshires_mounted_section

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.