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Dear xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Reference Number 08/437

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08th August 2008 concerning:

- 1)How many officers in this Police force attended training courses organized by Common Purpose in the last few years?
- 2)How much this Police force spent for those Common Purpose courses?

The answer to the question 1 can go, in relation to the years as far as you can, as I understand it's not easy to have this information for courses attended many years ago.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is below.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Avon and Somerset Constabulary, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c)

states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

I will provide a consolidated response to questions 1&2, a search has been conducted of the centralised records held in relation to training courses organised by Common Purpose.

From these records, I can confirm that 5 police officers attended training courses organised by Common Purpose between June 2004 and May 2008, with a total cost of £13 951.25.

The process of booking training courses organised by Common Purpose should be administered through a central unit (of which records have been searched), however there may have been occasions in the past where these courses have been booked locally, and invoices handled by individual districts.

To establish whether this has occurred, and to attempt to retrieve these records would involve the examination of invoices and paper files held by all administration units, of which there are at least ten, to establish whether any relevant records are held over the last few years.

This would involve the examination of hundreds of records, and the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost at least £450 to comply with your request.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Avon and Somerset Constabulary.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

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