

Subject: MPS Taser use on animals 2010 to 2nd July 2013

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To: foi.police@openworldnews.com

Dear Mr McNamara

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 2013070000266

I respond in connection with your request for information which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 03/07/2013. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1 a) On how many occasions in 2013 (up until today's date 2 July 2013) was a Taser deployed against an animal. Please provide the species of animal as well as how the Taser was deployed (i.e. drive-stun mode, firings and incidents where the taser was drawn and aimed.) b) Please also provide a summary for each incident. Please could you also provide: 2) The same for 2012 3) The same for 2011 4) The same for 2010 If my request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. Please let me know you have received this. If there are any problems, or you need more information, please get in touch.

EXTENT OF SEARCHES TO LOCATE INFORMATION

To locate the information relevant to your request searches were conducted at Specialist Crime and Operations - MPS Firearms Unit and MPS Public Order and Operational Command.

DECISION

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Please note that the information provided is in two parts.

Table 1 is the use of Taser on animals by Armed Firearms Officers (AFO) as part of a firearms operation.

Table 2 is the use of Taser on animals by non authorised firearms officers, Territorial Support Group (TSG) and AFO extended use of Taser outside of a firearms operation.

Please find attached information pursuant to your request above. I have redacted non relevant reference numbers.

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact Yvette Taylor on telephone number 0207 230 6267 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Yvette Taylor
Information Manager

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Complaint

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PO Box 57192
London
SW6 1SF
PublicAccessOffice@met.police.uk

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