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Dear Mr Mnamara

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

I write in connection with the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013. Thames Valley Police has now considered this application, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

Request	Response
<p>I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information on the deployment of Tasers against animals. More specifically I am requesting the following:</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>b) Please also provide a summary for each incident.</p> <p>Please could you also provide:</p> <p>2) The same for 2012          3) The same for 2011          4) The same for 2010</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>2010 – No incidents          2011 – Two Incidents on Dogs:              April – Milton Keynes - Police received a report of a dangerous dog which had attacked other dogs and the public. Taser fired to gain compliance of the dog.              May – South Oxfordshire - Report of an incident where male intoxicated and in possession of an offensive weapon. On police arrival dog at premises became aggressive towards police and was drive-stunned.          2012 – No Incidents          2013 – No Incidents</p>

**COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Thames Valley Police, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI Section at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Thames Valley Police, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the

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