

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 632

Question

Please consider this a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Background

'Equipment interference' is the UK government's term for a spectrum of technologies and capabilities. These range from pulling forensic data from a mobile phone, to logging into a suspect's social media account, to retrieving information from their computer [1].

Request

I hereby request the following records:

All internal and external correspondence and communications held by the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner that contain the following terms, from January 1st 2014 to the date of this request:

- "Equipment interference"
- "EI"

[1] Targeted Equipment Interference Factsheet:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/473740/Factsheet-Targeted_Equipment_Interference.pdf

Answer

Your request is refused because to even ascertain whether or not any relevant information is held within all internal and external correspondence and communications would exceed the 18 hour time limit for retrieval of any information. This is by virtue of section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (the Act) as in order to satisfy section 1(1)(a) of the Act would exceed the cost threshold of £450. This reply represents a Refusal Notice under the Act.