



Information Request: 16/7758/1

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Dear Mr Hanna,

Official Information Act 1982 request

I refer to your email to Police dated 16 November 2016 where you made a request under the Official Information Act 1982 for the following information related to the annual and biannual Tactical Options Research Reports:

"I have not been able to find any more recent statistics online. If there are more recent equivalent research reports or statistics on use of tactical options, please either let me know where they are available online, publish them online, or send me a copy.

If these research reports have either stopped being completed, stopped being published online, or been delayed, please let me know why this is the case. If they have been superceded by something else, please let me know what that is and where it can be found."

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

As your request implies, the most recent Tactical Options Research Reports were published in July 2015 which reported on the use of tactical options for the 2014 calendar year. Police intend to continue to publish the annual Tactical Options Research Reports, however a technical fault occurred with the Tactical Options Reporting (TOR) database which has delayed the production of the report on the use of tactical options in 2015. The technical fault has been fixed, however there are carry-on issues which are still being resolved. We are trying to resolve these issues as quickly as possible, however at the moment I cannot provide you with an estimate of when the next annual report will be available.

Police consider the release of the Tactical Options Research reports to be important in ensuring transparency of Police use of force and an important part of maintaining public trust and confidence. Police will publish the next annual report in the usual manner on the webpage you referenced, when it becomes available.

Yours sincerely

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