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REQUEST

Freedom of Information request for commissioning an external organisation (for instance, a private investigator) to undertake surveillance

I am writing to you to request the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

1. The number of external organisations (for instance, private investigators) commissioned to undertake surveillance under the provisions of RIPA
2. The number of external organisations (for instance, private investigators) commissioned to undertake surveillance.
3. The names of the contractors commissioned to undertake surveillance
4. The total amount paid to the contractors commissioned to undertake surveillance
5. For what reason(s) these non-public bodies or private investigator were commissioned to carry out such surveillance.

Please provide answers to each question for the financial years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.

Note that I am not seeking operational details or knowledge of techniques, nor am I seeking personal information.

RESPONSE

Further to your FOI request received on 1 November 2012, having liaised with the relevant Services, I must advise that the Council has never commissioned an external organisation to undertake surveillance on its behalf under the provisions of RIPA.