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Tracey Garratty

I am contacting you in your capacity as Clerk to the Culture, Media and Sport Committee and would be grateful if you could kindly pass on to the Chair of the Committee the following information on behalf of Assistant Commissioner John Yates and myself.

We received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that asked a number of questions concerning information that we might hold in relation to material seized by us in August 2006 from Glenn Mulcaire and Clive Goodman. The questions and the answers that we were able to provide are as follows: -

The person asked - "The number of individuals in relation to whom PIN codes, needed for access to mobile phone voicemail, are recorded.?"

The answer is that from the material seized there appear to be 91 individuals. It cannot be stated with any certainty how many of these were the correct mobile phone and/or pin code number.

The person asked - "The number of individuals whose voicemail messages have been transcribed?"

The answer is that to the best of our knowledge and belief the only document that the police seized that may be a transcription of voicemails is the one that is referred to in the Guardian article dated 9 November 2009.

http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2009/jul/20/neville-thurlbeck-news-of-the-world

A redacted version of this e mail is also available through the following link.

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmcumeds/memo/press/contents.htm

The document suggests communication between up to four individuals was transcribed.

We provided these answers today and now that by virtue of the FOIA process this information is in the public domain, we felt it appropriate to make the Committee aware of these questions and answers.

Many thanks

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