



The CPS incorporates RCPO

Mr Tom Watson MP
Via e-mail

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Ref: 2767

Dear Mr Watson

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST

I refer to your Freedom of Information request, with the above reference, which was received on the 6 June.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act creates a statutory right of access to recorded information held by public authorities i.e. the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). This right is to be informed whether the information requested is held by the public authority or not, and if the information exists, for it to be communicated. A public authority must reply to such a request promptly and in any event, not later than twenty working days after receipt.

The individual's right to information is not unqualified; it is subject to a number of exemptions that are contained within the Act. The majority of these exemptions are qualified, that is to say the decision whether to confirm or deny the information's existence or to disclose the requested material, will be subject to a public interest test.

In your request you asked on what day in March 2008 the Metropolitan Police Service first contacted the CPS about their investigation into phone hacking when a telephone call was made to the Head of the CPS Counter Terrorism Division (CTD).

The exact date of the telephone call is not held but the documents in our possession suggest the conversation took place at some point between 9 March and 31 March 2006.

If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request from the Crown Prosecution Service you may ask for an internal review. You should contact the Information Management Unit (Freedom of Information Appeals), Rose Court, 2 Southwark Bridge, London, SE1 9HS.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to complain directly to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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