



Ref: AFS 12/1658/10

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Dear Alex

Re: Official Information Act Request

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 15 August 2013 received by email. You sought the following information:

1. The police manual chapters on Telecom inquiries and the Vodafone Protocol.

Police have entered into separate confidential commercial contracts with both Telecom and Vodafone regarding the services they provide Police in support of criminal investigations. Those contracts constitute the Police's respective manual chapters related to telecommunications inquiries with those companies.

Both documents contain information about the services provided to police that directly contribute to the investigation, detection and prosecution of criminal offending. To release those documents would only serve to provide criminals with information on police capability in this area. I do not consider this would be in the public interest.

Therefore your request is refused pursuant to s6(c) of the Official Information Act 1982, because release of that information would prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the way I have responded to your request.

Yours sincerely

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