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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-1676 - IMSI Catchers
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 09 November 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

1. How many “IMSI catchers” – or “Stingray” devices – does the council currently own, or have access to? These devices are virtual base stations for identifying the International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) of nearby GSM mobile phones.

None

2. How many IMSI catchers are (a) currently in use, (b) when and where, and (c) how many times have they been deployed since 1 May 2016?

3. Detail what data IMSI catchers have collected/recorded, since 1 May 2016, when it blocks/intercepts a mobile phone signal.

4. Please supply any recorded documentation that relates to council tests conducted since 1 May 2016 relating to the range of IMSI catchers;

5. How many mobile phones have been intercepted/blocked since 1 May 2016 by council IMSI catchers?

6. Supply me with the council’s current data retention policy applied to the information collected by IMSI catchers.

7. Supply me with any privacy impact assessments undertaken by the council regarding IMSI catchers.

8. How much has the council spent since 1 May 2016 on (a) the purchase and (b) maintenance of these devices?

9. Regarding new devices purchased since 1 May 2016, please list the make/model.

10. For each instance where they have been used, please provide any documentation (emails, reports, memos) dated after 1 May 2016 which explains why they were deemed necessary.

11. Please supply any internal policy, strategy or procedure documents that the council would apply to the deployment of these devices, even if none are currently available for use.

12. Please supply any documentation, dated after 1 May 2016, regarding evaluations of IMSI catchers including, but not limited to, project and pilot reports.

Not applicable. Please refer to the response to Question 1.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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