

Request

Dear Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime,

I understand from a statement made by the Home Secretary today, that the use of "Ziegler Wasserwerfer 9000" water cannons has not been authorised.

Further, I am led to believe you have already purchased three of these vehicles in the hope that you could turn them on the residents of the city.

Please could you disclose to me,

- 1) The amount of money spent by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime on these vehicles
- 2) The annual cost of maintaining the vehicles in serviceable order
- 3) Else the plan for disposing of these machines
- 4) Confirm or deny rumours that they will now be repurposed for some other useful 'less lethal' purpose (that doesn't involve suppression of peaceful political protest) such as watering flowers in Hyde Park, cleaning the ever filthy streets of London, extinguishing fires, or styling the Lord Mayor's wayward hair ?

Reply

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 15 July to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC). You asked for the following information:

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I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that MOPAC does hold some information relating to your questions, as follows:

- 1) £218,000 for all three vehicles
- 2) £580 per month per vehicle
- 3) and 4) I confirm that MOPAC does not hold any information relating to these questions.

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information request, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-crime/how-we-work/freedom-of-information>