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From: <peter.royan-posse@[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, May 18, 2011 at 2:07 PM
Subject: FOIA Disclosure - Partial
To: tomwatsonmp@[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Watson

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: 2011040001391

I respond in connection with your request for information dated 08/04/2011 which was received by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) on 08/04/2011. I note you seek access to the following information:

1. With whom at the News of the World, and where, did Andy Hayman have dinner on April 25 2006?
2. What employees of News Group Newspapers were present at the dinner Andy Hayman attended on April 25 2006?
3. Who attended the dinner from the Metropolitan Police that Andy Hayman attended on April 25 2006?
4. Who paid for the dinner that Andy Hayman attended on April 25 2006?
5. What was the cost of the dinner that Andy Hayman attended on April 25 2006?
6. Please send me the original invitation for this event and copy of acceptance.
7. Please tell me whether permission for Andy Hayman to attend was sought from the Commissioner given the Metropolitan Police's pending phone hacking investigation.

I understand that under the Act, I should be entitled to a response within 20 working days of your receipt of this email.

Some parts of this request may be easier to answer than others. Should this prove to be the case, I would ask that you release available data as soon as possible - rather than hold up the entire request.

I would prefer to receive this information electronically.

If the decision is made to withhold some of this data using exemptions within the Act, please inform me of that fact and cite the exemptions used.

If you need any clarification then please contact me at the number below or via email.

Under your section 18 duty to provide advice and assistance I would expect you to contact me if you find this request unmanageable in any way. I would be grateful if you could confirm that you have received this request, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

EXTENT OF SEARCHES TO LOCATE INFORMATION

Following receipt of your request, searches were made of the Gifts & Hospitality register in use during Mr Hayman's tenure as Assistant Commissioner Specialist Operations.

An entry in this register records a gift or hospitality from an external party or parties.

it is therefore implicit that the News of the World hosted the dinner and consequently the cost would be unknown to the MPS.

Not all of the requested information would have been recorded in the Gifts & Hospitality register.

DECISION

It has been decided to:

Answer questions 1,2,3 & 4 in full:

The searches failed to locate the information relating to questions 5 ,6 & 7, therefore the information you have requested is not held by the MPS.

At question 1 you asked:

With whom at the News of the World, and where, did Andy Hayman have dinner on April 25 2006?

The MPS response is:

The News of the World editor & deputy at the Private Members Club, Soho House, 40 Greek Street, London W1

At question 2 you asked:

What employees of News Group Newspapers were present at the dinner Andy Hayman attended on April 25 2006?

The MPS response is:

See response to question 1 (additional information not held)

At question 3 you asked:

Who attended the dinner from the Metropolitan Police that Andy Hayman attended on April 25 2006?

The MPS response is:

Mr Andy Hayman & Mr Dick Fedorcio

At question 4 you asked:

Who paid for the dinner that Andy Hayman attended on April 25 2006?

The MPS response is:

The MPS understands that it was the News of the World

At question 5 you asked:

What was the cost of the dinner that Andy Hayman attended on April 25 2006?

The MPS response is:

Information not held

At question 6 you asked:

Please send me the original invitation for this event and copy of acceptance.

The MPS response is:

Information not held

At question 7 you asked:

Please tell me whether permission for Andy Hayman to attend was sought from the Commissioner given the Metropolitan Police's pending phone hacking investigation.

The MPS response is:

Information not held

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with this response please read the attached paper entitled Complaint Rights which explains how to make a complaint.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact me on or at the address at the top of this letter, quoting our reference number.

Yours sincerely

Peter Royan-Posse
Case Investigation Officer

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again --

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of the MPS made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) regarding access to information you can lodge a complaint with the MPS to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing, within forty (40) working days from the date of the refusal notice, and addressed to:

FOI Complaint
Public Access Office
PO Box 57192
London
SW6 1SF
PublicAccessOffice@met.police.uk

In all possible circumstances the MPS will aim to respond to your complaint within 20 working days.

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with the MPS if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700

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