

Information Management Section
IT Services Branch

28th September 2007

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 04/09/2007 concerning;

- 1. What is the forces current policy on recording the nationality of suspects on arrest?**
- 2. The number of foreign nationals arrested between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2006.**
- 3. A breakdown of offences they are alleged to have committed.**
- 4. The number of British nationals arrested between 1 January 2006 and 31 December 2006.**
- 5. A country by country breakdown of the nationality of those arrested during this period.**
If this is not possible for every nationality then a breakdown of the 20 nationalities with the highest number of arrests during this period.
- 6. A breakdown by offence of the alleged offences committed by those arrested for each nationality.**
- 7. Total number of foreign nationals arrested during the period who were then proceeded against.**
A country by country breakdown if possible and , if not, the top 20.
- 8. A breakdown of offences allegedly committed by the foreign nationals in this period who were proceeded against..**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held, in part, by Greater Manchester Police.

Q1 - No information held – currently there is no policy specifically relating to recording the nationality **on arrest**. However nationality **is recorded** when a suspect is brought **into custody**. There is no formal policy to provide you.

Questions 2 – 8 inclusive - The information that you require is not in an easily searchable format and would involve manually going through all custody records to retrieve this information. Therefore, the cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Complaint Rights

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Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you require any further assistance or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,