

**Information Management Section
IT Services Branch**

12 November 2007

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/10/2007, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 09/10/2007, for the following information:

1. **In the last financial year (06/07) how many times did officers from your force use a Taser operationally? If you have difficulties interpreting my meaning of the word "use" the answer to this question should be the same as the sum of Q.2, Q.3, Q.4 and Q.5.**
2. **In the last financial year (06/07) how many times was the weapon drawn/ aimed/ application of projected red dot?**
3. **In the last financial year (06/07) how many times was the weapon arced as a demonstration/warning?**
4. **In the last financial year (06/07) how many times was the weapon applied in drive-stun (direct contact)?**
5. **In the last financial year (06/07) how many times was the weapon fired (barb deployment)?**
6. **How many working tasers does your force own?**
7. **In the last financial year (06/07) how many successful claims were paid out by your force for injuries/damages associated with being hit with a Taser? What was the total value of the compensation? Were any of the people who claimed compensation serving police officers, and how much did they receive?**
 - **NOTE: In relation to Q2, Q3, Q4 and Q5 only the highest level of 'use' should be recorded for each incident. Multiple uses in the same incident should only count once.**

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

Result Of Searches

Question 1. 3

Question 2. Nil

Question 3. Nil

Question 4. Nil

Question 5. 3

Question 6. 136

Question 7. Nil

Decision

I have today decided to disclose the located information to you in full.

Complaint Rights

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

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact me, on telephone number 0161 856 2528 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

Information Access Team