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Our ref: 01/FOI/23/011138/Z

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011138/Z**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03/08/2023, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

- 1. The number of Account Freezing and Forfeiture Orders issued from January to December 2022 (or for the last full calendar year available) • The number of Account Freezing and Forfeiture Orders issued from January to December 2021***
- 2. The total value of assets frozen under Account Freezing and Forfeiture Orders issued from January to December 2022 (or for the last full calendar year available) • The total value of assets frozen under Account Freezing and Forfeiture Orders issued from January to December 2021***
- 3. A breakdown of the nationalities of individuals subjected to Account Freezing and Forfeiture Orders issued from January to December 2022 (or for the last full calendar year available) • A breakdown of the nationalities of individuals subjected to Account Freezing and Forfeiture Orders issued from January to December 2021***

**Result of Searches**

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

However, GMP does not hold some of the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. In order for us to reply to Q3 would result in a manual search having to be conducted as we do not routinely record the nationality of individuals who are subject to our investigations and to identify this information would be extremely resource intensive. Due to this it is expected that it would take in excess of 18hrs to provide this information.

Therefore, as per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced. Removing Q3 altogether should allow us to answer the first 2 questions of this request. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.