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Our ref: FOI/24/012701/D

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/24/012701/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/05/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

***I would like to know how much the investigation into Angela Rayner actually cost.
I'm sure you know exactly which one I am referring to, but it's the one instigated by
Conservative MP James Daly; regarding a council house payment issue.***

Result of Searches

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

However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format or centrally on a reporting system.

To determine the cost of the Angela Rayner investigation would require us to confirm how many officers have contributed towards the investigation and how much time each officer has spent on the case. This would require manually contacting all officers. We would then need to manually review all individual officers' personal records for pay details to manually calculate the total cost.

As such due to the extent of the searches required it is anticipated to exceed the 18 hour cost limit.

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.

However, in accordance with Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce the request in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk