



Response Date:06/01/2024

2024/1144 - Direct actions by Palestine Action

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

This is an information request relating to the costs associated with policing the direct action group, Palestine Action.

Please provide the following cost information in relation to any direct actions organised by Palestine Action that have been held between 30 July 2020 and the present day in your force area:

- **Opportunity cost**
- **Overtime**
- **Internal fleet**
- **External fleet hire**
- **Hotels**
- **Catering**
- **Infrastructure**

By direct actions, this can include – but is not limited to – the following:

- **Criminal damages done to commercial, residential and government property, such as spray painting, damaging/breaking windows, or destroying property, plant and equipment;**
- **Threatening or harassing staff members of companies and public bodies targeted by Palestine Action;**
- **Occupation of commercial, residential and government property;**
- **Aggravated trespass of commercial, residential and government property.**

I am explicitly not asking about any protests that have been organised (and which I have separately asked for in an information request sent in November).

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing individual operation folders from July 2020 to present, to establish any which relate to the 'Palestine Action' group. There could also be additional smaller local policing operations across the force area which would need to be collated. This data would then need to be sent to our finance department to collate the costs. Unfortunately, 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 retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 27/12/2024