

Written responses to members questions

Full Authority – March 2011

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Revised Response to request from MPA for (1) “details of meetings between senior MPS officers and senior executives of News International between 2006 and 2011” and (2) “formal or informal contact between News of the World and the investigation team”.

1. Notes:

- The previous response provided covered details of meetings between senior officers and the News of the World. This response does not revisit those meetings.
- For completeness we have included details of **AC Hayman** and Sir Ian Blair’s meetings during the timeframe in question. These were not previously provided.
- With the exception of the Police Federation/Sun Bravery Awards, social events at which News International executives may have been present are not included, as these details would not be recorded.
- Timeframe is 5-year period, January 2006 to present

Sir Ian Blair

2006	
Feb	Lunch with Editorial staff, The Times. Also attending: Deputy Commissioner Paul Stephenson AC Hayman & Dick Fedorcio
March	Meeting, Editor, Sunday Times & Dick Fedorcio
June	Meeting, Editor Sun meeting & Dick Fedorcio
Nov	Lunch: Editor, Sunday Times & Dick Fedorcio
December	Meeting, Editor, The Times & Dick Fedorcio
2007	
June	Lunch: Editorial staff, NotW, with Dick Fedorcio
Sept	Lunch: Editor, The Sun with Dick Fedorcio
2008	
Feb	Lunch: Editor, The Times with Dick Fedorcio

Sir Paul Stephenson

2006	
Feb	Lunch with Editorial staff, The Times (as above)
2008	
Apr	Dinner: Deputy Editor, The Sun & Dick Fedorcio
2009	[Appointed Commissioner]
Apr	Lunch: Editor, The Sun & Dick Fedorcio
Jun	Lunch: Editor, The Times & Dick Fedorcio
Jul	Lunch: Editor, The Sunday Times & Dick Fedorcio
Nov	Lunch: Head of News, Sky News team & Dick Fedorcio
2010	
April	Lunch: Chief Executive, News International & Dick Fedorcio
Nov	Drinks: Editor, The Sun & Dick Fedorcio

Andy Hayman

2005	(not part of agreed 5-year time frame)
	Dinner, News of the World
2006	
Feb	Lunch with Editorial Staff, The Times (as above)
April	Dinner, News of the World
2007	
March	Lunch, News of the World
July	Drinks Reception, The Times
September	Lunch, News of the World
November	Lunch, News of the World

John Yates

2007	
Sept	Dinner: Editor, Sunday Times
2009	
September	Dinner: Editor, Sunday Times

The Police Federation/Sun Police Bravery awards have taken place annually since 2006. These events have been attended over the years by all police officer members of the Management Board, and the Home Secretary of the day. Given the nature of the event, there will have been senior executives from News International present.

2. No one on the original investigative team has met with any executives from News International, other than in relation to their role in the investigation.

Caroline Pidgeon

Can you please state, for each Safer Neighbourhood Team in London, the number of current vacancies for Sergeants, PCs and PCSOs?

If all Safer Neighbourhoods Teams were fully staffed there would be a total of 630 sergeants, 1260 constables, and 2151 PCSOs in post.

Overall sergeant vacancies are currently at 3%, there is a surplus in constables of 10%, and PCSO vacancies are at 1%. Safer Neighbourhoods as a whole is 2% over strength. There are currently some 53 ward teams showing a vacancy for sergeants, 97 showing vacancies for constables and some 179 showing PCSO vacancies. This is offset in the overall figures by those wards that are shown as being over strength.

This continues to be a moveable situation and individual data would be a snapshot at one particular time and would not be helpful. There is a process within Territorial Policing to ensure posts are filled expeditiously and MPA Link Members are encouraged to speak to their local Borough Commanders to understand the local picture.

Dee Doocey

How much has the MPS/MPA spent on external legal advice relating to defamation actions involving a) ACPO rank officers, and b) non-ACPO rank officers, in each of the last five financial years, and this financial year to date?

Key points to make:

- All applications by officers for financial support in legal proceedings are approved by the MPA.
- Police Authorities are able to authorise this support when officers -
 - act in good faith
 - and exercised their judgement reasonably.

ACPO Officers

- £1,175 was paid in March 2011.

Non-ACPO Officers

- Nil

Dee Doocey

Information Misuse - Police Databases

1st January 2008 to 31st March 2011

The following report analyses the number of police officers and police staff who have had a substantiated allegation of system misuse recorded against them between the time period of 01/01/2008 to 31/03/2011.

The 'system misuse' data includes allegations with the following flags on Tribune:

Computer Misuse (unknown type)

Misuse of CRIMINT

Misuse of CRIS

Misuse of PNC

Misuse of other Internal Program

Misuse of Non Aware

Misuse of MDT

Please note: The Performance Analysis Unit can only guarantee data accuracy around information misuse on those allegations recorded post 1st January 2008, as this data has been quality assured. Any data recorded prior to this has not been quality assured for accuracy and therefore has not been included within this report.

Police Officers

The following table details the total number of officers with a substantiated allegation of system misuse recorded against them between 01/01/2008 to 31/03/2011.

Write Off Method	2008	2009	2010	2011	Grand Total
Formal Action	0	6	12	0	18
Formal Misconduct	8	0	0	0	8
Management Action	0	5	1	0	6
Retired/Resigned	7	4	1	0	12
Words Of Advice	4	0	0	0	4
Written Warning	13	4	0	0	17
Grand Total	32	19	14	0	65

The total number of substantiated allegations of system misuse has decreased since January 2008. 2011 has not seen any to date.

2010 saw 12 officers subject to Formal Action for system misuse, which was significantly higher than 2009.

8 officers were subject to Formal Misconduct (pre Taylor) for an allegation of system misuse. The following table details the sanctions imposed on these officers.

Formal Misconduct	2008	2009	2010	2011	Grand Total
Proven-Dismissal From The Force	2	0	0	0	2
Proven-Fine	1	0	0	0	1
Proven-Reprimand	5	0	0	0	5
Grand Total	8	0	0	0	8

18 officers were subject to Formal Action (Taylor) for an allegation of system misuse. The following table details the sanctions imposed on these officers.

Formal Action	2008	2009	2010	2011	Grand Total
Proven-Dismissal Without Notice	0	3	2	0	5
Proven-Final Written Warning	0	2	2	0	4
Proven-First Written Warning	0	1	6	0	7
Proven-Management Advice	0	0	2	0	2
Grand Total	0	6	12	0	18

Police Staff

Please note: The Performance Analysis Unit cannot guarantee the accuracy of Police Staff data held on Tribune. Where an allegation result is not known, this is because it is not recorded on Tribune.

The following table details the total number of police staff with a substantiated allegation of system misuse recorded against them between 01/01/2008 to 31/03/2011.

Write Off Method	2008	2009	2010	2011	Grand Total
Formal Action	0	9	3	3	15
Formal Misconduct	6	0	0	0	6
Management Action	0	0	0	1	1
Retired/Resigned	0	2	2	0	4
Grand Total	6	11	5	4	26

2009 saw the highest number of police staff with a substantiated allegation of system misuse recorded against them.

Police Staff subject to formal action for an allegation of system misuse has decreased in 2010 and 2011, compared to 2009.

6 police staff were subject to Formal Misconduct (pre Taylor) for an allegation of system misuse. The following table details the sanctions imposed on the staff members.

Formal Misconduct	2008	2009	2010	2011	Grand Total
Not known	6	0	0	0	6
Grand Total	6	0	0	0	6

* The results are recorded as 'not known' within this report as they are not recorded on Tribune.

15 police staff were subject to Formal Action (Taylor) for an allegation of system misuse. The following table details the sanctions imposed on these staff members.

Formal Action	2008	2009	2010	2011	Grand Total
Proven-Dismiss Without Notice if Gross Misconduct	0	3	1	0	4
Proven-Final Written Warning With Management Action	0	1	0	1	2
Proven-First Written Warning	0	1	0	2	3
Proven-Formal Reprimand	0	4	2	0	6
Grand Total	0	9	3	3	15

Police Officers

Types of System Misuse

System Misuse Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	Grand Total
Computer Misuse (unknown type)	0	0	1	0	1
Misuse of CRIMINT	6	1	0	0	7
Misuse of CRIMINT, Misuse of CRIS	1	0	1	0	2
Misuse of CRIMINT, Misuse of CRIS, Misuse of PNC	3	1	0	0	4
Misuse of CRIMINT, Misuse of CRIS, Misuse of PNC, Misuse of other Internal Program	1	0	0	0	1
Misuse of CRIMINT, Misuse of other Internal Program	0	0	1	0	1
Misuse of CRIMINT, Misuse of PNC	2	1	0	0	3
Misuse of CRIS	8	8	3	0	19
Misuse of CRIS, Misuse of other Internal Program	0	0	1	0	1
Misuse of CRIS, Misuse of PNC	0	1	1	0	2
Misuse of MDT	6	1	0	0	7
Misuse of other Internal Program	0	0	1	0	1
Misuse of PNC	5	6	5	0	16
Grand Total	32	19	14	0	65

System Misuse Type	2008	2009	2010	2011	Grand Total
Computer Misuse (unknown type)	0	0	1	1	2
Misuse of CRIMINT	1	3	3	0	7
Misuse of CRIMINT, Misuse of CRIS	2	0	0	0	2
Misuse of CRIMINT, Misuse of PNC	0	1	0	0	1
Misuse of CRIMINT, Misuse of PNC, Misuse of other Internal Program	0	0	1	0	1
Misuse of CRIS	2	0	0	3	5
Misuse of Non Aware	0	2	0	0	2
Misuse of other Internal Program	1	2	0	0	3
Misuse of PNC	0	3	0	0	3
Grand Total	6	11	5	4	26