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Dear ,

FOI Case No. 16:41

Thank you for your letter of 28 January 2016 which was treated as a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

Please provide the following information with regards to canine operational units.

- 1) How many GP dogs currently operational (broken down in to breeds).**
- 2) How many Specialist Units (Explo, Narc, Cadaver, Firearms recovery, Containment, cash, other).**
- 3) Breed selection and reasoning for role specific dog choice.**
- 4) Cost of replacing an operational unit (GP and Specialist).**
- 5) Other deployments for K-9 units that the force has trained operational teams (fire arms support etc.).**

Reply

- 1) There are 18 GP dogs. The breeds are Dutch Herder, Belgium Malinois and German Shepherd.**

- 2) **Specialist Units consist of Explosive Search dogs, Passive dogs and Active search dogs.**
- 3) **Any breed of dog may be used as selection depends on a dog's temperament and ability rather than breed.**
- 4) **There may be no cost or up to £2750 depending on the supply and demand issues at the time. We have dogs supplied from dog pounds and animal sanctuaries as well as breeders.**
- 5) **No**

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Yours sincerely,

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