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Our Ref: FOI 17894
Your Ref: FOI 17708

Date: 03 March 2025

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We refer to the above request which was received on 18th February 2025 (ref 17708) and was expressed in the following terms:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1. Have you engaged the services of the AI geolocation company GeoSpy, or any other AI geolocation company?*
- 2. If so, when did you first engage their services and is the engagement ongoing?*
- 3. If the software has been used, what purposes has it been used for?*
- 4. If the software has been used, are identified locations always independently verified by a human to ensure they match?*
- 5. Has anyone been charged with a crime based wholly or in part on evidence gleaned from GeoSpy or other AI geolocation software? If so, how many people, and what crimes were they charged with?*

Further to the above, we also note the following comments made within your request for Internal Review, received on 27th February 2025:

I am writing to request an internal review as I am not satisfied that there is an actual risk of jeopardising national security, except for with question 3 which I am willing to drop.

The public interest case for disclosure is also significantly understated, in particular as it relates to the public's right to know that a human is checking any AI outputs.

I do not accept the response to my final question. I would consider any arrests that took place after Geospy or similar geolocation tools were used to be relevant to the question I am asking.

Our Response

We have reviewed our handling of your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above and we are of the opinion that the application of all exemptions outlined within the response letter were fully justified and that the explanations and rationale for their application were conveyed clearly and unequivocally.



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