

FOI 2025-790

I write in connection with your request 12/08/2025 concerning the recent statement regarding the budget shortfall.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Office of Police Crime and Commissioner. Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

The PCC recently made a statement regarding a budget shortfall due to costs not being reimbursed for, The Rwanda Scheme and the Stonehenge Tunnel.

Can you please consider a freedom of information request, giving me a breakdown of the costs incurred and why they were necessary, considering that neither of the projects went ahead.

I feel that these are matters of significant public interest and should be made available.

Response

These costs were necessary because significant policing operations require many months of planning; equipment, accommodation, vehicles, training and logistical support cannot be put in place at very short notice for large numbers of additional officers, which both these operations would have required.

Wiltshire Police had to develop plans and capabilities to meet the needs of these large-scale operations prior to their commencement - the actual costs of delivering the operations (had they gone ahead) would have been far larger.

Extensive engagement was undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner, and Wiltshire Police, to secure this funding from the Home Office, however as outlined publicly by the PCC recently, the full reimbursement for the planning and preparation for these operations was not provided.

Actuals		Actual	Grants (up to allocation)	Shortfall
Operation	Synopsis	up to 2024/25	up to 2024/25	up to 2024/25
		£m	£m	£m
Op Angelus	Aborted A303 rerouting	1.900	1.200	0.700
Op Anthesis	Aborted transfer of asylum seekers to Rwanda	4.330	4.324	0.006