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I write in connection with your request for information dated 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 concerning policing and police stations.

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, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows:

You wrote:

*How many of the police officers in your force area work on the operational frontline?*

*How many were on the operational frontline on January 1st 2012?*

There are 918 operational frontline officer posts funded for 2015/16. In 2012/13 there were 1000.

These figures are based on the HMIC Value for Money profiles.

*How many police stations have closed in your area since you took office?*

Police stations have been closed at the following sites: Wood Lane Chippenham, Priory Street Corsham, Wilton Road Salisbury, Henry Street Swindon. However it should be noted that the police services for each of these sites was moved and co-located with council services in nearby sites.

*Could you provide details of how often Home Office ministers have made an official visit to you in your capacity as Police and Crime Commissioner? Specifically, I would like to know the date of the visit, who the minister was, and what was the official purpose of that visit.*

Two Home Office ministers have visited the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire, Damian Green and Theresa May.

The Home Secretary, Theresa May MP, officially opened the new Black Rock Specialist Training Centre in Portishead on Thursday 26 November 2015. The training centre is part of the Tri-Force collaboration between Wiltshire, Avon and Somerset and Gloucester Police Forces.

On Wednesday 18 September 2013, the Minister of State for Policing and Criminal Justice Damian Green visited Monkton Park in Chippenham so he could find out

more about how Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council are working together. Monkton Park is a shared location between the Council and the Constabulary.

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me, and been considered in the light of your request, within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.