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Date: 5 December 2023
Reference: F0006594

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 23 November 2023, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). For reference your original enquiry was as follows:

- 1. How many of the 18,290 reports were followed up and fully investigated*
- 2. Of reports fully investigated, how many were found to be valid complaints with drone operation being at fault*
- 3. Of reports fully investigated, how many were found to NOT be the fault of drone operation.*

Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that following a review of held information it has been reasonably determined that the CAA holds no information within scope of the request.

The CAA was supplied with the grand figure of 18,290, as annotated in the consultation document (Review of UK Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Regulations), by National Police Chiefs Council's Counter Drone team from police forces and other agencies; therefore a further breakdown of the figure is not held by the CAA.

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

FOI.Requests@caa.co.uk

The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set out below. A request for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House, Beehive Ring Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH6 0YR. www.caa.co.uk
Email: foi.requests@caa.co.uk

SK9 5AF
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/modalapplication.aspx?appid=24>.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
Information Rights Specialist

CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged and the details of the Appeal Manager are provided to the applicant;
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and with the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.