

Finance and Corporate Services
Information Management

6 March 2012
FOIA reference: F0001295

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent application of 10 February 2012, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

"I am writing to obtain details of the use of powers of entry by your authority under any of the relevant Acts or items of secondary legislation during the period 2008 – 2011, excluding Trading Standards investigations. I wish to obtain details of:

- how many times such powers were used in the past three years,*
- the legislation they were requested under,*
- the criminal offence or allegation being investigated*
- the outcome of their use, if any.*

Our response:

In assessing your request in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) we are able to provide the information below.

The CAA has the following powers of entry.

Article 36(2), Air Navigation Order 2009 (access and inspection for airworthiness purposes)

Article 232(2), Air Navigation Order 2009 (entry and inspection of aircraft to prevent aircraft flying)

Article 236(5), Air Navigation Order 2009 (entry to aerodromes/entry and inspection of aircraft to prevent aircraft flying)

Article 238, Air Navigation Order 2009 (right of access to aerodromes and other places at all reasonable times)

We can confirm that these powers of entry have not used by the CAA during the period you have requested. We therefore, do not have any information that will answer your questions.

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House GW Gatwick Airport South Crawley West Sussex England RH6 0YR www.caa.co.uk
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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:-

Mark Stevens
External Response Manager
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
West Sussex
RH6 0YR

mark.stevens@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 in the attachment.

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

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

Should you wish to make further Freedom of Information requests, please use the e-form at <http://www.caa.co.uk/foi>.

Yours sincerely

Rick Chatfield
FoIA & EIR Case Manager

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.