

8 April 2015
Reference: F0002280

Dear XXXX

I am writing in respect of your recent request of 15 March 2015, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Your request:

How many stowaways have been detected on airplanes coming into or leaving the UK, in the last 10 years?

Of these, which airports were they travelling to and from, when did the incident occur and where in the plane were they?

How many people have been detected attempting to stow away on a plane in the last 10 years?

Of these, which airports were they travelling to and from and when did the incident occur?

Our response:

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

Incident reports are provided to the CAA under the terms of the Mandatory Occurrence Reporting (MOR) scheme, as described under Article 226 of the Air Navigation Order 2009 (ANO). Each incident report is reviewed and, where appropriate, further investigation carried out and action taken.

We have carried out a search of the CAA database for any reported stowaway event between 1 January 2004 and all processed reports to 24 March 2015 regardless of aircraft type, operation type, or nationality which has either originated from a UK airport or where the planned route is designated as a UK airport. We have provided an Excel summary of these reports.

We have not included identifying information in these summary reports as this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 44(1)(a) of the FOIA. In this case full information of the route has not been included as this would lead to the identification of an organisation and is therefore exempt under the legislation mentioned below.

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House Gatwick Airport South Gatwick RH6 0YR www.caa.co.uk

Telephone 01293 768512 foi.requests@caa.co.uk

Section 44(1)(a) of the FOIA provides that information is exempt information if its disclosure is prohibited by, or under, any enactment. Under Section 23 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982, information which relates to a particular person (which includes a company or organisation) and has been supplied to the CAA pursuant to an Air Navigation Order is prohibited from disclosure (a copy of this exemption can be found below).

For more information about the Mandatory Occurrence Reporting scheme, please refer to CAP382 which can be found at: www.caa.co.uk/cap382 .

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:-

Caroline Chalk
Head of External Information Services
Civil Aviation Authority
Aviation House
Gatwick Airport South
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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 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
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at <http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=286&pagetype=65&appid=24>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Pounder', with a horizontal line underneath.

William Pounder
Information Rights Officer

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.

Freedom of Information Act: Section 44

(1) Information is exempt information if its disclosure (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it-

- (a) is prohibited by or under any enactment,
- (b) is incompatible with any Community obligation, or
- (c) would constitute or be punishable as a contempt of court.

(2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) fall within any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1).

| File number | UTC date | Make of aircraft | Headline |
|-------------|------------|------------------|--|
| 200401319 | 29/02/2004 | BOEING | After headcount there was one extra person on board. All boarding cards checked and person found. Police were |
| 200408276 | 14/11/2004 | AIRBUS | Stowaway on board. |
| 200700796 | 29/01/2007 | BOEING | During walkround at Los Angeles of B747, a stowaway was found dead in the right wing gear u/c bay. Appropriate staff and relevant authorities were notified. Stowaway boarded B747 on a previous sector. |
| 200700863 | 29/01/2007 | BOEING | ATC delayed B777's departure during taxi for 20mins in order to allow two other a/c to get ahead at holding point. This could result in a security risk from stowaways. |
| 200906347 | 18/06/2009 | BOEING | Driver of coach taking reporter's staff for stowaway checks was talking on cellphone and did not see an a/c taxiing. Driver applied brakes at last minute. Reporter's staff suffered minor injury. |
| 200906816 | 02/07/2009 | BOEING | Following arrival on stand, u/c doors were opened for scheduled maintenance tasks and a man's body was found in forward area of LH u/c bay. Appropriate action was taken. |
| 201006363 | 06/06/2010 | BOEING | Alleged that a stowaway arrived stowed inside the a/c wheel bay. Stowaway arrested. |
| 201210011 | 23/08/2012 | BOEING | Stowaway discovered on arrival. During cruise B747 crew were informed that a security fence had been breached at departure airfield and that a person was seen climbing into the a/c's undercarriage. |
| 201210358 | 24/07/2012 | BOEING | Flight crew alerted during flight of an unaccompanied minor on board not manifested for the flight. Subject passenger met by police on arrival. |
| 201210907 | 09/09/2012 | BOEING | Alleged stowaway discovered in the street. |
| 201308941 | 18/07/2013 | AIRBUS | Stowaway discovered on arrival. Statements given to Police and Airport authorities. Fire services attended. |
| 201416468 | 24/11/2014 | AIRBUS | Passenger attempted to board correct flight with incorrect boarding card. Aircraft subsequently departed with incorrect loadsheet due to TOB confusion. |