

Request Reference: 3686/15

Request

I would like to request data relating to details of the amount paid to the telecoms industry (including BT, TalkTalk, BSkyB, Virgin Media, Vodafone, EE, Three, O2 and any other telecoms company or internet service provider) to provide mobile phone data under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA).

As the police force needs to compensate the telecoms firms for holding, sorting and supplying telecoms communications data under RIPA on request, please can you provide:

- a) The annual costing of the service (which is regularly audited) and
- b) The number of requests broken down by year for the years 2008 to date.

I would ideally like to see the data sorted by the number of requests and amounts paid broken down per year from 2008 to date.

This request relates specifically to the acquisition of communications data (the 'who', 'when' and 'where' of a communication) under Part I, Chapter 2 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA).

Response

Please see below (note, data in relation to costs (b) is held by Financial Year rather than Calendar).

a)

Year (from 1 st January to 31 st December)	Total number of Notices and Authorisations to acquire communications data under Part I Chapter II of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA):
2008	26,136
2009	33,995
2010	36,063
2011	38,892
2012	31,065
2013	31,074
2014	37,305

b)

Total expenditure for the acquisition of communications data (approximate net figures):

For financial period 1/4/2008 – 1/4/2009 = £678,674
 For financial period 1/4/2009 - 1/4/2010 = £751,439
 For financial period 1/4/2010 – 1/4/2011 = £766,632
 For financial period 1/4/2011 – 1/4/2012 = £861,685
 For financial period 1/4/2012 – 1/4/2013 = £718,837
 For financial period 1/4/2013 – 1/4/2014 = £739,346
 For financial period 1/4/2014 – 1/4/2015 = £676,566