REQUEST

In reply to the questions asked in my previous email would you be so kind as to give a definitive answer and is there any documentation that confirms MOPAC's actions taken in relation to the audit that was conducted by the FWAG?

You mention DARA - Directorate of Audit, Risk and Assurance, my understanding is that DARA provides the internal audit service for the MPS and MOPAC. Can you please advise me why DARA did not conduct this audit on Flexible/part time workers at METCC, but instead an untrained, unqualified communications supervisor [redacted] did?

711 staff members were audited and approximately 400 staff were resulted in being under/over paid, resulting in an approximate value of 2 million pounds being asked to be paid back. There is no mention of this overpayment in any of the statements of accounts produced by MOPAC since 2013. Please confirm where this has been documented within MOPAC and within the freedom of information action can you please supply any documents you have regarding this matter.

RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 19 September to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC).

You asked for the following information:

1. Is there any documentation that confirms MOPAC's actions taken in relation to the audit that was conducted by the FWAG?

The information held by MOPAC is attached, with redactions, as explained below.

DARA on a rolling basis sample tested reconciliations. The sample testing contains almost entirely the personal information of the officers and staff whose pay was being reconciled. This personal information cannot be released under Data Protection legislation and Section 40(2) Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. Can you please advise me why DARA did not conduct this audit on Flexible/part time workers at METCC, but instead an untrained, unqualified communications supervisor [redacted] did?

The Freedom of Information Act covers recorded information only and therefore this part of your request does not fall within the scope of the Act.

3. There is no mention of this overpayment in any of the statements of accounts produced by MOPAC since 2013. Please confirm where this has been documented within MOPAC

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The amount of £2m would not feature in MOPAC accounts due to it being not material in terms of level of expenditure.

I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 and that MOPAC does hold some information relating to your request.

This information is attached. Redactions have been made for the following FOIA exemption:

Section 40(2) Personal Information. This is an absolute exemption; therefore, no Public Interest Test is required.

In addition, parts of the information have been redacted as out of scope of your FOI request.

If you are unhappy with the response to your Freedom of Information request, please see the MOPAC website on what the next steps are at:

https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/governance-and-decision-making/freedom-information