REQUEST

Further to the statement (link below) could I please request how much the water canon were sold for? And, if possible, who bought them? Or, are they languishing as useless assets? https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/proceeds-to-help-tackle-youth-knife-crime

RESPONSE

Thank you for your Freedom of Information of 30 June request to the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC).

I confirm that your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that MOPAC does not hold any information relating to your request. This is because the water cannon have not yet been sold. The Mayor confirmed on 14 December 2016 that the water cannon would be sold via the Ministry of Defence (MOD), who are helping to find the highest and most reputable bid from a European policing or civil protection organisation – according to conditions set by the German Federal Police.

The Mayor will only permit a sale to a buyer who meets the most rigorous ethical standards, to ensure the water cannon are not in any way misused in the future.

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