

24th June 2008

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Dear Sir,

Freedom of Information - FOI08/6 Amended Request.

Thank you for your telephone call earlier today.

It is somewhat disappointing that you ring me up to use words like “difficult” and “unreasonable” and in the same conversation make out you are trying to help me.

I have submitted a FOI Request. It is becoming somewhat obvious to me that you do not want to supply the specific information I have asked for which Forestry holds. Further, I do not believe I should be “leant on” in a heavy handed manner over the ‘phone for you to achieve this.

You mention wasted resources. I am sure you could have released this information to me in the time that you have put into with-holding it.

You acknowledge you have details of industry wide burns and that you, “...would have to confer with other parties.”

I believe this is normal and by now I would have thought this had been initiated.

In regards to the number of planned burns; you state the figure is about 2000 in the last 12 month and this is going to take up a lot of resources to hunt out this information. I questioned the 2000 figure and you claim this is what you were advised. Nowhere near 2000 burns appeared on the daily website over the last twelve months, so either this figure is grossly exaggerated in an attempt not to provide the information, or a great many planned burns did not appear on the daily web site.

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Perhaps you are receiving wrong advice from within your Department, however, I am sorry I can not take any more phone calls from you for the reasons outlined in my second paragraph.

I do not have to put up with a dummy spit and threats when you fail to get me to alter my request for information.

I refer you again to my altered FOI Request (15/5/2008) which is specific, together with my subsequent letter to you dated 17/6/2008 and look forward to a written response.

Yours faithfully,

Clive M. Stott