



**WEST MERCIA PCC: DISCLOSURE LOG  
RESPONSE TO REQUEST**

**Reference: 2019 – 191 / WE1761**

**Date of response: 03 September 2019**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

How many times did the PCC/Mayor write directly to the former Prime Minister Rt Hon Theresa May MP during her time in office both as prime minister and Home Secretary for the following reasons:

- A: Raising concerns that budget cuts were having a detrimental effect on policing
- B: Requested more money? How much was requested how much was given (if any)
- C: Raised concerns that budget cuts were putting officers at risk

**Response.**

In response to all 3 questions, the only correspondence from the PCCs Office for West Mercia sent to the Rt Hon Theresa May MP during her time in office as Home Secretary or Prime Minister was a joint letter from both the PCC for West Mercia and Warwickshire in July 2014 in respect of the Home Office considering doubling the amount of monies top sliced from the PCC Grant for the 2015 Innovation Fund. (Copy attached).

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write to the Information Compliance Unit; Information Compliance Unit, PO Box 55, Worcester, WR3 8SP. Email: [information@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:information@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

Yours sincerely,

**FOI Officer  
West Mercia PCC**



Rt Hon Theresa May MP  
Home Secretary  
c/o House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014

Dear Theresa,

We understand from our Chief Constables that the Home Office is considering doubling the amount of monies top sliced from the Police Grant next year for the Innovation Fund.

Please can we ask you to look into this matter and halt any such move by your officials. Increasing the amount available for the Innovation Fund by decreasing the amount given to the Police Grant is simply another form of centralised control and in contradiction to the Government's localism agenda. It undermines the democratic legitimacy of PCCs and stifles local innovation rather than enabling it.

We have copied this letter to other PCCs, for their information.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

**Bill Longmore**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner**  
**West Mercia**

**Ron Ball**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner**  
**Warwickshire**

cc to Association of Police & Crime Commissioners

### Complaints

If you think that the Police and Crime Commissioner has failed to supply information in accordance with the publication scheme, then you should write in the first instance, to the:

Chief Executive, OPCC – West Mercia, Hindlip Hall, Worcester. WR3 8SP

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