



Freedom of Information request ref 937-14

1. Number of armed response call outs, where Armed Response Vehicles (ARVs) have been deployed in role
2. Number of armed response call outs where injury has been sustained to a member of public / victim
3. Number of armed response call outs where injury has been sustained to a member of the police force
4. Number of gun related incidents in force
5. Number of knife related incidents in force
6. Number of officers injured by gunfire
7. Number of officers killed by gunfire
8. Number of officers injured by knives / other bladed articles
9. Number of officers killed by knives / other bladed articles
10. Number of discharges of a police firearm (other than during training)
11. Cost to train an authorised firearms officer
12. Cost to train regular patrol officer
13. Cost of standard issue handgun and rifle
14. Total Number of authorised firearms officers in force
15. Total number of police officers in force
16. Total number of Taser trained officer in force
17. Target response time for an ARV when called out to 999 (immediate) calls
18. Number of incidents where ARVs do not arrive within the target response time for 999 calls
19. Target response time for general response policing to 999 (immediate) calls
20. Number of incidents where general response units do not arrive within the target response time for 999 calls

Clarification received:

In relation to questions 11, 12 and 13, the current costs will suffice.

In relation to those point 4 and 5 can I please have data for the previous 5 years including 2014.

RESPONSE

Question 1

British Transport Police does not have Armed Response Vehicles. Therefore there have been nil armed response callouts where an ARV was deployed. However, BTP has had armed response officers since 2012 and the figures for armed response callouts where firearms officers have been deployed are shown in the table below:

	2012	2013	2014
Number of armed response callouts	0	2	2

Question 2

Since 2012, British Transport Police has had nil armed response callouts where injury has been sustained to a member of the public/victim.

Question 3

Since 2012, British Transport Police has had nil armed response callouts where injury has been sustained to a member of the police force.

Question 4

The table below shows the number of gun related incidents. Each year is taken from 1st November to 31st October.

Year	Incidents
2010/11	36
2011/12	25
2012/13	24
2013/14	29
Total	104

These figures include:

- Real guns (pistols, rifles, sub-machine guns, etc)
- Imitation firearms (including deactivated guns and gun-shaped lighters)
- BB guns or air weapons that were fired at people
- BB guns or air weapons that the victim/witness believed to be real
- Incidents where the victim believed the suspect did have a gun (unseen or partially visible)

This does **not** include:

- Stun guns or tasers
- BB guns or air weapons where they were known not to be real
- Ammunition
- Starter pistols
- Water pistols
- Threats to use a gun where the victim did not believe the suspect

- Gun gestures made with hands as a threat

Question 5

The table below shows the number of knife related incidents. Each year is taken from 1st November to 31st October.

Year	Incidents
2010/11	798
2011/12	645
2012/13	571
2013/14	587
Total	2601

This includes knives and blades, but **not** screwdrivers, shanks etc.

Question 6

British Transport Police has had nil officers injured by gunfire.

Question 7

British Transport Police has had nil officers killed by gunfire.

Question 8

British Transport Police has had 2 officers injured by knives/other bladed articles.

Question 9

British Transport Police has had nil officers killed by knives/other bladed articles.

Question 10

Since 2012, there have been nil discharges of a police firearm by British Transport Police.

Question 11

The cost to train an authorised firearms officer is £4000. This cost would be in addition to the original training costs on recruitment (as shown below).

Question 12

The cost to train a regular patrol officer is £5374.

Question 13

The costs of the standard issue handgun and rifle are shown below:

Weapon	Cost
Handgun	£1,000
Rifle	£1,800

Question 14

The total number of firearms officers in British Transport Police since 2012 has been 56. Before 2012, BTP did not have firearms officers.

Question 15

The table below shows the total number of police officers in British Transport Police in the last 5 years.

	Full time equivalent	Headcount
2014	2920.69	2956
2013	2839.54	2879
2012	2796.14	2845
2011	2781.17	2830
2010	2854.73	2905

Question 16

British Transport Police has a total number of 356 Taser trained officers. This figure includes the 56 firearms officers.

Questions 17 and 18

No Information held.

British Transport Police does not have any Armed Response Vehicles.

Question 19

The target response time for general response policing units to immediate calls is 20 minutes.

Question 20

Year	No of Immediate Incidents	Response in under 20 minutes	Response in more than 20 minutes	Percentage responded to in under 20 minutes
2013/ 2014	18167	16973	1194	93.43%
2012/ 2013	15821	14643	1178	92.55%
2011/ 2012	16971	15548	1423	91.62%