

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2019-019

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

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

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The PCC wrote to Theresa May at least four times during her time as Home Secretary and Prime Minister, as follows:

- In December 2014, with the Chief Constable outlining that he felt that budget cuts were putting officers at risk;
- In November 2015, asking for a fairer funding settlement for Dorset;
- In December 2015, highlighting the impact of budget cuts on port security; and
- In November 2018, recognising the economic benefits of working in collaboration.

The PCC has also written to a number of others with the ability to influence funding for Dorset Police including:

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| January 2013 | to the Chancellor of the Exchequer regarding police budgets |
| March 2013 | to the Policing Minister regarding the police funding formula |
| June 2013 | to the Policing Minister further on the police funding formula |
| November 2013 | from all South West PCCs to the Policing Minister regarding budgetary pressures |
| February 2014 | to all Dorset MPs regarding budgetary pressures |
| August 2014 | to the Prime Minister mentioning budgetary pressures |

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| January 2015 | to the Policing Minister regarding the police funding formula |
| July 2015 | to the Policing Minister mentioning the police funding formula |
| July 2015 | to all Dorset MPs regarding budgetary pressures |
| November 2015 | to all Dorset MPs regarding budgetary pressures |
| November 2015 | to the Chancellor regarding police budgets, raising concerns relating to the capacity of Dorset Police |
| January 2017 | with the Chief Constable to the Police Resources Unit, Home Office regarding the provisional police grant report |
| February 2017 | to all Dorset MPs urging them to lobby for better funding |
| December 2018 | with the Chief Constable to the Home Secretary regarding budgetary pressures |