

This is Appendix A which is referred to in the meeting minutes of the Panel on 21 November 2013.



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To Members of the Police and Crime Panel,

The following questions have been received from Mark Ryan for the meeting on 21 November.

Q1 In order to avoid a very long and detailed email the following question Q 5,6,7 & 8 would benefit from a short narrative from me at the meeting giving more detail to aid panel members. Please confirm that you will allow this in order to be open and transparent? And if not why not?

Yes but if the question is in the narrative some time will be needed to get a reply. Please be brief and to the point and it would help in particular if you could explain what you refer to in question 7.

Q2 A former respected member of the panel Roger Seabourne told the BCC that with respect to the PCP he "didn't want to be associated with a body that is such a toothless, worthless, ineffectual, waste of time, money and space..." why in your view was his comments false?

Councillor Seabourne is entitled to his view. The Panel disagrees. The Panel is constantly looking to improve its role and effectiveness.

Q3 A former respected member of the panel Roger Seabourne told the press that "members of the public who asked questions were often given unsatisfactory answers or were ignored" by the panel. Mr Seabourne has confirmed that this statement applies to me! Why has the panel treated me in such a disgusting manner?

The Panel disagrees and considers you have been treated with courtesy and respect and has answered your questions appropriately.

Q4 The independent Organisation CoPaCC has just released its report on "PCC Statutory Transparency" (Link below) .Mr Rix Chief Executive of the CoPaCc told BBC 3CR that the Herts PCC was at the bottom half of the table & could do better!!

Does this not now vindicate my efforts of trying to bring this matter to the the attention of the panel since May!!! .Why would you now not like to apologise to me for given unsatisfactory answers and ignoring my concerns?

<http://copacc.files.wordpress.com/2013/10/copacc-pcc-statutory-transparency-thematic-nov2013-vopen.pdf>

The Panel did not ignore your concerns as it required a report from the OPCC on the issue and does still look at the issue. Information has been requested from the PCC to monitor progress on this topic.

Q5 In your last meeting the CE of the OPCC appeared to misunderstand my question with respect to an answer he gave in connection to the report showing PCC spend over £500. He indicated that its was compliant to the legislation. The question was not had the report been published as it clearly had ,but why did the content not comply and why are reports missing. As the panel is now monitoring these reports why is this report still not compliant and why are several month of reports still missing?

The reports appear to be there but please specify months you consider are missing. Information has been requested from the PCC to monitor progress on this topic.

Q6 At the last meeting your response to Q3 of the my questions was that my complaint contained only 2 issues.If you read my original complaint and my email dated 18/6/2013 it is clear that I was raising not 2 but a number of issue with respect to the statutory information.

Please can you correct your answer and apologise for deliberately misrepresenting me?

The two issues referred to were those referred in your email of 15 April. Information has been requested from the PCC to monitor progress on this topic.

Q7 At your last meeting the CE of the OPCC made a commitment, which is also his statutory duty anyway, in his written report regarding the PCC statutory reports.

As the panel is monitoring the reports why has he failed in this commitment/duty?

[http://www.hertspcp.org.uk/Papers/2013-07-25/Item%204\(c\)%20-%20Report%20of%20Compliance%20with%20Specified%20Information%20Order.pdf](http://www.hertspcp.org.uk/Papers/2013-07-25/Item%204(c)%20-%20Report%20of%20Compliance%20with%20Specified%20Information%20Order.pdf)

Information has been requested from the PCC to monitor progress on this topic.

Q8 As the PCP are monitoring the PCC's statutory reports which ones are still incomplete or non compliant ?

The required information is mostly present on the website. Handling of Freedom of Information requests is not complete. Some information is not there because there is no information to record. Improvements are to be made to spending information although the expenditure record is there. Information has been requested from the PCC to monitor progress on this topic.