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Dear [✉]

Freedom of Information: Right to know request

Thank you for your request for information regarding illegal broadcasting in Cornwall which we received on 26 November 2012 and have considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

1. How many pirate radio stations were reported in Cornwall between 2008 and to the (or nearest) present time?

Figures between 1/1/08 and 16/12/12 - **ONE**

2. Please list the names of all the unlicensed broadcast stations and the number of times enforcement action has been carried against each of them, clearly showing the method of enforcement used (i.e.: studio raid, main transmitter removal, mobile telephones disconnected, website domain name blocking etc).

Year	Reports of Interference	Enforcement Action taken	Station Name
2009	Jul 09 - 1 report from licence paying broadcaster	Jul 09 - Transmitter, Mid-link and aerials seized	Juice FM 87.6MHz

3. Were there any unlicensed broadcasts that were reported but not traced or prosecuted?

NO

4. How many enforcement visits have been as a result from information supplied from members of the public or license paying broadcasters?

Same as question 2

5. How many reports of interference to safety of life services or aviation have been reported in Cornwall between the dates stated above, if any please state which authority reported it and if the interference was proven to be attributed to pirate radio?

NONE

6. What was the average sentence given for the successful prosecutions?

No prosecutions have been instigated from illegal broadcasting in Cornwall

If you require any further information or would like to talk through any issues regarding the information you have requested then please do not hesitate to give me a ring. I will be more than happy to pass your details on to one of our experts in this area.

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Yours sincerely

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