



HM CPSI
HM Crown Prosecution
Service Inspectorate

HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate
7th Floor, Tower
102 Petty France
London
SW1H 9GL

WC2B 4TS

<http://www.justiceinspectors.gov.uk/hmcpai/>

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 3rd July 2022.

In your request you asked for the following information.

After providing irrefutable evidence of illegal fox hunting by Charles Carter of the Royal Artillery Hunt at their opening meet at Larkhill on 30th October 2021 the CPS made the decision to prosecute. Carter went to Swindon Magistrates Court for his plea hearing on 1st June and 16th June but was not heard, I understand due to backlog of cases on each day.

However, now, the case has been discontinued due to a 'legal technicality'! In the spirit of transparency and credibility please will you provide the following details, if not sharing please explain why as this accountability is in the public interest:

- 1. Why was this case discontinued please explain the details of the legal technicality?*
- 2. How was this technicality identified, by whom and the dates?*
- 3. What has been the involvement of PCC Philip Wilkinson (who has shared publicly his personal views of pro hunt and ex member of Royal Artillery) and Chief Constable Kier Pritchard?*
- 4. Who within the CPS has been involved with this case and who made the decision? Was Anna Pritchard of the CPS involved?*
- 5. As there has been a further recent reversal of a decision to prosecute for previously elected PCC Jonathan Seed (ex Royal Artillery Huntsman), please identify any people involved with both cases.*
- 6. Please provide the timeline of the decision-making process of this case.*
- 7. Please advise details of the CCTV evidence from Larkhill barracks that supported the video evidence of the independent monitors.*
- 8. What action is being taken to prevent further illegal hunting on Salisbury Plain under licence issued by the MOD DIO - this case is not proven innocence but a 'legal technicality'. What engagement has CPS had with MOD and MOD DIO regarding this case and how can 'impartiality' be assured as the offence took place on MOD land.*

I can confirm that we do not hold the information within the scope of this request.

As part of our duty to provide advice and assistance the remit of HM Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate is to inspect the Crown Prosecution Service and the Serious Fraud Office. We are unable to investigate individual cases.

In regard to your FOI request you may wish to raise this with the Crown Prosecution Service who may be able to assist. Please see the link below which provides the Information Access Team (IAT) contact details who deal with all FOIs for the Crown Prosecution Service.

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/publication/freedom-information>

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our response to your request, please send full details within two calendar months of the date of this email and send to the below email address:

info@HMCPSI.gov.uk

You also have the right to ask the Information Commissioner to investigate any aspect of your complaint. Please note that the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) is likely to expect the internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning an investigation.