

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION CASE NOTES

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### **Secret law enforcement methodology** ***Information Act s.46***

The Complainant sought to view information held about him by a law enforcement organisation. The organisation objected on the basis that disclosure of the information would reveal secret law enforcement methodology. The Information Commissioner's investigation revealed that the methodology and most of the information sought was already in the public domain. To claim this exemption, it is necessary for the law enforcement organisation to show that the methodology it seeks to protect is in fact secret. The Complainant therefore succeeded at *prima facie* stage. The matter was subsequently resolved at mediation.