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Antisocial Behaviour

Richard Younger-Ross: To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) what representations he has received on the compatibility with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998 of the use of ultrasonic Mosquito devices in public places; and if he will make a statement; [316226]

(2) whether he has made an estimate of the number of local authorities which use ultrasonic Mosquito devices; what recent representations he has received on that matter; and if he will make a statement. [316227]

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Mr. Alan Campbell [*holding answer 8 February 2010*]: The Home Office has received two representations on the use of Mosquito devices and human rights implications.

Our position on antisocial behaviour is that it should be tackled, not tolerated. We encourage local agencies to consider the full range of innovations and schemes and practices intended to reduce crime, the fear of crime and antisocial behaviour. It is for local agencies to decide on the most appropriate interventions based on their knowledge of what works best locally. The Home Office does not promote or recommend any particular commercial product or venture above this.

Information on the use of Mosquito dispersal devices is not collected centrally by the Home Office.