| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0171  Responded to: 12 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

I would ask that you note that your original correspondence has been split into several individual requests due to wide scope and variety of subject matter therein. The remainder of your request will be answered separately.

## 1. Annual Budgets (Historical) Please provide the annual budget allocations for Police Scotland for each of the last five financial years. Include a breakdown of core budgetary categories (frontline services, administrative costs, equipment procurement, training, etc.).

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold information in the format reqested.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, data is not recorded in the categories specified.

To be of assistance, I have provided, at the end of this response a breakdown of the annual Police Authority budgets from 2020-21 to 2024-25 in millions. We have provided a breakdown by spend type as we were not able to provide a breakdown into the suggested categories. Please note the below table is the initial approved budget, there will have been in year changes for additional pay award, SBR / ABR, IFRS16 impact in some years.

## 2. Budget Deficits or Shortfalls Details of any reported budget deficits or shortfalls in the same period. Any internal reports or correspondence detailing causes of these deficits and any remedial actions taken.

In financial year 2020-21 there was a revenue deficit of £44.0m. Scottish Government acknowledged the deficit budget with a commitment to provide additional support in year. In 2021-22 additional funding was received to eliminate the deficit and a balanced budget has been set each year since.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.

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|  | **2020-21**  **£m** | **2021-22**  **£m** | **2022-23**  **£m** | **2023-24**  **£m** | **2024-25**  **£m** |
| Police officer costs | 817.7 | 827.3 | 845.5 | 883.6 | 929.8 |
| Staff costs | 235.8 | 249.4 | 267.1 | 289.7 | 289.2 |
| Other employee costs | 3.5 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 5.2 | 21.1 |
| Premises costs | 55.6 | 53.4 | 58.0 | 68.6 | 72.7 |
| Transport related costs | 21.0 | 20.0 | 20.5 | 21.4 | 19.4 |
| Supplies and services | 38.4 | 42.1 | 38.4 | 39.6 | 39.7 |
| ICT costs | 28.7 | 30.6 | 33.0 | 33.8 | 37.2 |
| Admin costs | 7.3 | 7.6 | 6.7 | 11.3 | 10.4 |
| Third party costs | 13.7 | 13.2 | 14.3 | 14.5 | 15.6 |
| Capital financing | 5.7 | 5.5 | 4.4 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Other costs | (5.6) | (1.0) | (2.5) | (1.8) | (0.6) |
| Income | (32.5) | (30.4) | (42.9) | (46.7) | (44.8) |
| **Total Revenue** | **1,189.3** | **1,220.3** | **1,245.8** | **1,323.2** | **1,393.7** |
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| Reform | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 | 25.0 |
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| Capital | 51.7 | 53.7 | 52.6 | 53.0 | 66.1 |