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## Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. A yearly breakdown of the total number of cars reported as stolen in your policing area during the periods: 1st April 2022 - March 31st 2023, 1st April 2023 - March 31st 2024 and 1st April 2024 - March 31st 2025.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with SGJD crime classifications and are not thereafter sub-categorised. In this instance, the relevant offence is Theft of a motor vehicle, and it is not sub-categorised by vehicle type. As such, the only way to establish whether the type of vehicle stolen was a car, would be to carry out case by case review of all Theft of Motor Vehicle Crime Reports - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

**2. A yearly breakdown of the total number of thefts from a vehicle reported in your policing area during the periods: 1st April 2022 - March 31st 2023, 1st April 2023 - March 31st 2024 and 1st April 2024 - March 31st 2025.**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.