| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2581  Responded to: 19th September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Machinery and Farm Equipment Theft

## Number of reported crime incidents involving theft of agricultural machinery and farm equipment in the Scottish Borders since January 2010, broken down by year.

## Cost of Rural Crime

## Estimated total financial cost of these incidents since January 2010, broken down by year.

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, there is no crime classification for the theft of farm machinery specifically, and researching your request would therefore require the individual assessment of all crime reports to establish if relevant to your request.

To be of assistance crime data in general can be accessed online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

## Funding for Rural Crime Prevention

## Funding or resources allocated to rural crime prevention in the Scottish Borders since 2010, broken down by:

## • Year

## • Type of initiative or programme

## • Amount allocated

Nationally, Police Scotland has one Police Sergeant and three Police Constables aligned to Rural Crime Prevention and as a national team they would also cover the Scottish Borders area. These officers are Police Scotland officers and, despite their primary assignment, they are also periodically utilised for other Police duties out with National Rural Crime preventions.

In terms of funding, I must advise you that the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

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.