| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1132Responded to: 30 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**In each of the last five years, how much Police Scotland has paid to private security groups in order to assist policing operations?**

**In addition, on how occasions in each of these years were private security groups engaged, and for what specific reasons?**

In response to your request, and in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

Police Scotland does not, and over the last 5 years has not engaged nor paid for “Private Security Groups” to assist in the policing of operations.

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 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 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.