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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

- * How many vehicles were seized and impounded in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date?**
- * How many vehicles seized and impounded in 2017,18,19, 20, 21, 22 (to date) did the owner claim within the 14 day period?**
- * How many were scrapped/sold (for each of those years) after the owner didn't claim or pay the charge?**
- * Are you able to tell me the most expensive three cars you impounded over the past 12 months, and whether they were claimed, scrapped or sold? Also, what was the most expensive car you scrapped?**
- * Why were the cars seized/impounded? If possible, could I have a breakdown of the reasons why these cars were impounded.**

The request was amended to:

I'm interested now in just vehicles that have been seized/impounded because they 1/ have no insurance/driving license (Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act) and/or 2/ No tax (Section 29)

Please be advised that the DVLA has not devolved the powers to seize/impound untaxed vehicles (Section 29) to Police Scotland. As such, 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.

- * How many vehicles were seized (and impounded) in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date for the above?**
- * How many/% of those vehicles ended up being scrapped (for each of those years)? - if you don't have this data, don't worry.**

Please see the following:

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Vehicles Seized S165	8241	7333	7254	9310	7271	3587
Vehicles Scrapped S165		2750	2174	4531	4211	3337

With regard to 2017, data for this category was not recorded at that time. As such, 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.

*** Are you able to tell me the most expensive car you seized/impounded over the past 12 months for not having insurance and/or driving license and/or tax. Alternatively, were any supercars (Ferraris, Lamborghinis) seized?**

The most expensive car seized and sold at auction was a 21 plate BMW M5. This is based on the sold value.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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