| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0942  Responded to: 14 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Could I request the following information:**

**How many bicycles (i.e. push bikes, including e-bikes) were seized by your police force in the years 2020-2024, broken down by year?**

Please note, there were no recovery of e-bikes prior to 2022 and bicycles prior to 2023,therefore, the information sought prior to these dates is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act applies.

Furthermore, I can advise no bicycles have been seized by Police Scotland. These have solely been recovered after fatal or life altering accidents.

From 2022, I can advise the following figures for seized e-bikes:

2022 – 27

2023 – 58

2024 – 246

**How many seized bicycles were recovered by a third party recovery specialist (i.e. a contracted firm responsible for recovering vehicles seized by the police) - figures requested are for 2020-2024, broken down by year?**

All e-bike seizures referred to above, were recovered by a third-party recovery specialist.

**What was the approximate financial value for the contract to recover bicycles in the years 2020-2024, broken down by year?**

That information 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 following exemptions apply:

## Section 33(1)(b) - Commercial Interests

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the commercial interests of any person.

By way of explanation, the information requested is a specific part of the contract details with Police Scotland and the service provider. Public disclosure of such information is likely to give competitive advantage to other similar companies and as a result would have a damaging impact on the company concerned.

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.