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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.

- 1) For EACH of the last three financial years (up to March 2022) and so far this financial year, how many proceeds of crime cases have been brought to court (please only provide details for cases that have been ruled upon)? Please break the figures down for each year.**
- 2) For EACH of the last three financial years (up to March 2022) and so far this financial year, how much has been spent bringing the cases above to court (cost of lawyers etc.)? Please break the figures down for each year.**
- 3) For EACH of the last three financial years (up to March 2022) and so far this financial year, how much has been recovered as a result of the cases above? Please break the figures down for each year.**
- 4) For EACH of the last three financial years (up to March 2022) and so far this financial year, how much money is still to be paid from the cases above? Please break the figures down for each year.**
- 5) For EACH of the last three financial years (up to March 2022) and so far this financial year, how much money has been returned as a result of proceeds of crime cases resulting in not-guilty verdicts? Please break the figures down for each year.**

I can advise you that Police Scotland does not hold the above requested information. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, the role of the police in Scotland, in relation to crimes and offences, is to investigate the circumstances and where sufficient evidence exists to then report the matter to the relevant Procurator Fiscal. It is a matter for the Procurator Fiscal to decide on and to progress any prosecution through the courts.

As such the above requested information would need to be obtained from Proceeds of Crime Unit at the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

By way of assistance, I have listed below contact details for the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service who may be able to assist you in this matter:

Crown Office, 25 Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1LA or via <http://www.copfs.gov.uk/>

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Glasgow at – foi@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.