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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**On 5th December 2014 the Drink Drive limits in Scotland were lowered from 35 micrograms to 22 micrograms per 100 millilitres of breath (80 milligrams to 50 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood).**

**I presume that Police Scotland would have recorded the number of RTAs resulting in injury or death by drivers having between 22 and 35 millilitres of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath for the 12 months prior to the law coming into effect and the 12 months after the law coming into effect to be able to quantify the effect of the lower legal Drink Drive limit. The overall total RTAs resulting in injury or death for the same periods will have also been reported.**

**Can you please provide me with those comparative figures?**

Collation of this data would require all Road Traffic Collision reports to be assessed to establish blood alcohol levels.

Unfortunately, I estimate that this 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 be of assistance you may wish to see [Road traffic collision data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/road-traffic-collision-data/)

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.