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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.

The allocated cost of the operation at Holyrood on Saturday 2nd October 2021?

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

By way of explanation, there was no allocated cost or budget set for the event. The nature of policing means that officers and staff are deployed to wherever their services are most required. The Division to which individual officers or staff belong meet the cost of their core time.

Further, an event (e.g. a parade or procession), which reflects the constitutional rights of the participants, such as protest, or there is royal, national or defined public interest, and there is no financial gain to the organiser, then the provision of police services to a Statutory Event is considered a core policing function and the organisers will not be charged.

The actual cost of the operation at Holyrood on Saturday 2nd October 2021?

The total cost of policing the State Opening of Parliament was £147,341.69.

This includes £111,857.84 of opportunity costs which relate to salary costs. These costs would be incurred no matter where the officers were deployed.

The remaining value of £35,483.85 is the incremental "additional" costs to Police Scotland to police this operation.

The name of the operation commander? This is not exempt from FOISA under personal data as the individual is acting in their professional capacity and not personal.

ACC Tim Mairs.

This should include all aspects of all paid police and external agencies activity involved in the operation in the lead up the day and the day itself.

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A comprehensive breakdown of the allocation of the money is requested.

The table below provides a break down in costs for the State Opening of Parliament.

Cost for State Opening of Parliament October 2021	
Cost Type	Actual Cost in GBP
Opportunity Costs	£111,857.84
National Insurance	£385.50
Overtime	£30,900.14
Vehicle Hire	£877.26
Catering	£56.85
Accommodation	£70.22
Other Costs	£3193.88
Total	£147,341.69

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.pnn.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.