| Police Scotland logo | Environmental Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1288  Responded to: 11 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to request the following:

## A list of all -cides used by the Service. This is inclusive of, but not limited to: any and all avicides, biocides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, and rodenticides.

## The annual cost and volume of purchase of each of these -cides, broken down by -cide, from January 2014 to December 2024. Please list this on a spreadsheet (CSV), broken down by:

## -Cide

## Product Name

## Volume Purchased

## Price Paid

## Purchase Date

## A list of each of these -cides' use, by volume. Through this I am trying to ascertain whether the purchased volume is matched by the used volume, so if there is a record of expired or unused -cides too, that would be ideal. Please add this to the above CSV as an additional column, also on an annual basis over the same time period. Please list volume in either litres or kilograms, whichever is more appropriate.

## Only if available and easily accessible, the location and purpose of each specific -cide’s use. For the former, this may be classified by: location grouping, address, coordinate, or otherwise.

A Scottish public authority may refuse a request to make environmental information available if there is an exception to disclosure and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in making the information available is outweighed by that in maintaining the exception.

I am refusing your request in terms of Regulation 10(1) on the basis that the following exceptions apply:

10(4)(a) the information sought is not held

To explain, this information will be held by the external contractors using the ‘cides’. The contractors may have risk assessments that include notification to Police Scotland that certain substances are being used, but that will likely be on a case-by-case basis and may simply include the display of COSHH hazard warning signs indicating use of a substances that is Toxic, Corrosive, Biohazard etc.

However, the exception to the above is Estates staff at Tulliallan, who carry out some maintenance and gardening activities.  They do use ‘cides’ in the course of their work which I have listed at the end of this letter.

With regards to cost and volumes of these materials I am refusing your request in terms of Regulation 10(1) on the basis that the following exceptions apply:

10(4)(a) the information sought is not held

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.

| **Cide – Substance name** | **Date purchased** | **Volume purchased** |
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| Gallop XL | Every 12 months | 30L |
| Hilite | Every 12 months | 20L |
| Turfmaster | Every 12 months | 10L |
| Qualgex biocide | Every 12 months | 5L |
| Mosskiller | Every 12 months | 1L |
| Outdoor cleaner | Every 12 months | 2L |
| Seaweed extract | Every 12 months | 10L |
| MMC-pro | Every 12 months | 5L |
| Biocide | Every 12 months | 3L |
| Flying insect killer | Every 12 months | 800ml |
| Flying insect killer | Every 12 months | 900ml |
| Insect killer | Every 12 months | 6L |
| Insectrol | Every 12 months | 400ml |
| Killgerm | Every 12 months | 2L |
| Ant gel | Every 12 months | 210g |
| PRO single shot | Every 12 months | 300ml |
| Flying/crawling insect killer | Every 12 months | 300ml |
| Permost | Every 12 months | 1L |
| Facam D | Every 12 months | 5kg |
| Keen flying insect killer | Every 12 months | 300ml |
| Chikara | Every 12 months | 20g |