

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0629  
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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.

**Under Freedom of Information laws I would like to request the number of recorded thefts of a vehicle, and thefts from a vehicle (as separate figures please) in:**

- the 12 months to March 7, 2022
- the 12 months to March 7, 2021
- the 12 months to March 7, 2020

In response to this question, please see the following:

Crime Classification	8th March 2019 - 7th March 2020	8th March 2020 - 7th March 2021	8th March 2021 - 7th March 2022
Theft of motor vehicle & contents incl. taking and driving away	4573	4079	4034
Theft from a motor vehicle - not elsewhere classified	5737	4342	4015
Total	10310	8421	8049

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 22nd March 2022.

**If possible within the cost and time limits, could you include the type of vehicle stolen, and what items were stolen from vehicles, please.**

Having considered this question in terms of the Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

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By way of explanation, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to manually examine each and every one of the reports in the above table to establish the type of vehicle and what was stolen from within. Given the volume of reports this is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto: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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarock, 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](mailto: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.

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