

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022- 1816
Date: 31 August 2022



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 number of vehicles seized by the force in the 2021 calendar year
A breakdown of the number of cars seized above by the recoded reason for the seizure.**

In response to these questions please see the following data which is for **all** vehicles:

Volumes By Removal Reason (Number of vehicles recovered)	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total to date	%
ABANDONED ON ROAD	63	48	34	54	49	61	62	68	52	60	76	66	693	3%
ANTISOCIAL USE	4	6	6	10	2	6	0	5	9	8	2	3	61	0%
COP26/OP URRAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	0	10	0%
CUSTOMS SEIZURE	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0%
OBSTRUCTION/DANGER	121	120	97	104	121	102	128	162	139	145	133	132	1504	8%
OPERATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
OUT OF FORCE RECOVERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
POLICE VEHICLE REC	21	14	7	7	15	9	12	13	12	14	26	16	166	1%
PRISONERS VEHICLE	45	21	32	22	20	31	21	31	29	21	22	23	318	2%
PROPERTY	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	5	2	2	0	18	0%
RTC (LIFE ALTERING)	27	24	22	19	32	27	58	57	39	32	29	30	396	2%
RTC OBSTRUCTION/DANGER	548	412	421	386	497	541	587	672	595	688	691	648	6686	34%
SENSITIVE RECOVERY	7	9	3	6	5	3	6	3	6	5	3	10	66	0%
SERIOUS CRIME (SCOTLAND)	63	50	97	96	106	80	76	81	81	78	61	51	920	5%
STOLEN ABANDONED OFF RD	10	14	13	5	14	18	13	9	14	15	12	16	153	1%
STOLEN ABANDONED ON RD	135	107	126	110	133	142	138	127	147	172	158	116	1611	8%
STREET TO STREET	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	12	0%
UNINSURED & UNLICENSED	102	99	124	124	122	104	106	106	95	104	100	86	1272	6%
UNINSURED	527	497	554	525	455	419	430	410	385	431	419	425	5477	27%
UNLICENSED	45	57	47	51	50	44	42	39	33	39	36	39	522	3%
WARRANT/FORFEITURE	3	2	4	7	6	6	2	8	9	5	5	3	60	0%
TOTAL	1723	1483	1592	1527	1628	1593	1681	1794	1650	1830	1781	1664	19946	100%

I'm afraid it is not possible to provide you with figures in relation to cars specifically as the vehicle type field of each one of the 19,946 seizures would have to be manually checked. 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.

The number of the above vehicles that were returned to their owners.

14,175

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@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.

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