

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1810  
Date: 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**To request the number of drones (or unmanned aerial vehicles) owned by Police Scotland at present.**

There are currently 7 drones owned by Police Scotland at present.

**Also, to request the number of operations on which drones were operated between 01/10/2021 and 23/08/2022, and to request information related to each operation (ie date/location/operation type).**

The table below provides the total number of occasions drones were operated between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 and 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022.

<b>Oct 2021 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 2022</b>	
Events	12
Firearms	5
Major Incident	3
Missing Person	25
Other	6
Photo Task	21

A further breakdown of these operations can be found below:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Operation</b>
01/10/2021	U Division	Firearms
20/10/2021	U Division	Photo Task
26/10/2021	P Division	Photo Task
28/10/2021	K Division	Other
02/11/2021	J Division	Missing Person
28/11/2021	N Division	Photo Task
30/11/2021	J Division	Missing Person
12/12/2021	D Division	Missing Person
13/12/2021	D Division	Missing Person
21/12/2021	Q Division	Missing Person
02/01/2022	A Division	Missing Person
05/01/2022	N Division	Other

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07/01/2022	A Division	Missing Person
07/01/2022	E Division	Missing Person
08/01/2022	A Division	Missing Person
12/01/2022	Q Division	Other
15/01/2022	P Division	Missing Person
16/01/2022	P Division	Missing Person
17/01/2022	P Division	Missing Person
27/01/2022	J Division	Photo Task
11/02/2022	A Division	Missing Person
12/02/2022	A Division	Missing Person
25/02/2022	P Division	Other
01/03/2022	A Division	Missing Person
07/03/2022	V Division	Photo Task
10/03/2022	Q Division	Photo Task
11/03/2022	U Division	Missing Person
14/03/2022	L Division	Missing Person
16/03/2022	L Division	Missing Person
28/03/2022	L Division	Missing Person
29/03/2022	G Division	Photo Task
29/03/2022	L Division	Missing Person
30/03/2022	L Division	Missing Person
01/04/2022	D Division	Event
02/04/2022	D Division	Event
03/04/2022	G Division	Event
07/04/2022	U Division	Event
07/04/2022	G Division	Other
14/04/2022	L Division	Missing Person
14/04/2022	U Division	Event
15/04/2022	P Division	Event
16/04/2022	P Division	Event
22/04/2022	L Division	Missing Person
18/05/2022	L Division	Photo Task
19/05/2022	K Division	Photo Task
01/06/2022	G Division	Major Incident
02/06/2022	G Division	Major Incident
02/06/2022	A Division	Photo Task
03/06/2022	U Division	Event
07/06/2022	L Division	Photo Task
08/06/2022	A Division	Event
12/06/2022	N Division	Missing Person
15/06/2022	N Division	Missing Person
20/06/2022	A Division	Photo Task
01/07/2022	L Division	Firearms
05/07/2022	L Division	Firearms
06/07/2022	L Division	Firearms
08/07/2022	Q Division	Firearms
09/07/2022	Q Division	Event
11/07/2022	G Division	Major Incident
13/07/2022	A Division	Photo Task



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14/07/2022	A Division	Photo Task
18/07/2022	N Division	Photo Task
19/07/2022	P Division	Photo Task
20/07/2022	P Division	Photo Task
23/07/2022	G Division	Event
26/07/2022	D Division	Photo Task
29/07/2022	L Division	Photo Task
02/08/2022	N Division	Other
06/08/2022	N Division	Event
11/08/2022	L Division	Photo Task
18/08/2022	Q Division	Photo Task

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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, 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](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.