

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1432
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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.

1. Total cost of repairing and maintaining vehicles which have suffered breakdowns and faults in each year since 2013. Please show this information for broken down by individual year up to and including the most recent data available.

In response to this question, I must first of all advise you that it is not possible to breakdown the cost of service and maintenance costs of police vehicles by those which have suffered a fault or breakdown 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.

The only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to look at every case to establish whether it referred to a breakdown or a fault - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

The table below provides the general Service and Maintenance costs by financial year, from 2013/14 to 2022/23.

Financial Year	Cost (£)
2013/14	4,625,319
2014/15	5,074,742
2015/16	4,751,262
2016/17	5,036,864
2017/18	5,003,571
2018/19	4,443,045
2019/20	4,760,521
2020/21	5,732,557
2021/22	6,179,711
2022/23 (3 months)	1,103,196
Total	46,710,787

2. The number of vehicles decommissioned each year since 2013, broken down by year

Year	Number of Vehicles Decommissioned
2013	510
2014	347
2015	441
2016	318
2017	323
2018	317
2019	366
2020	243
2021	533
2022	312 (to date)

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 or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalrnarnock, 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.