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Your original correspondence has been split into several individual requests due to the wide scope and variety of subject matter therein.  The remainder of your request will be answered separately.

Question 2 of your request is replicated below, together with our response.

## 2. How much money has been seized by Police Scotland due to suspicions it was laundered in each of the last five year, with a breakdown per year?

Firstly, it is important to note that the definition of ‘money seized’ includes but is not limited to bank account funds, Crypto currency, as well as cash.

‘Money’ can be seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA) if it is suspected to have come from or intended to be used in the commission of a crime.

There is no centralised recording system used to record money seizures, or the type of currency and reasons for doing so, therefore accurately locating each record would take an unquantified amount of time as each crime record held by Police Scotland for the requested 5 years would need be manually assessed to find any relevance to money seized with a further search made to determine relevance to money laundering.

To give an indication of figures, during your requested time frame there were in excess of 2600 recorded cash seizures alone, therefore, even if it took 1 minute to manually assess each record, this would clearly be an exercise that would exceed the cost limitations outlined within the Act. This approximation does not include all further work required to accurately locate all other types of money seized.

As such I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.