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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.

Q1) For each of the last five calendar years (2017 - 2021) can you please share how many instances there were of police vehicles having the incorrect fuel put in them by staff.

Q2) Can you please supply the cost to the force of rectifying the misfuelling/repairing the vehicle. Please give the total cost for each calendar year from 2017 to 2021.

The requested information is provided below:

YEAR	NUMBER OF INCIDENTS	COST
2017	15	£2,004.92
2018	9	£438.00
2019	11	£237.77
2020	11	£347.47
2021	10	£492.67

Q3) Can you please advise of any special measures your force has implemented to prevent these mistakes happening in future. For instance, have police staff been put on training courses or have the vehicles been modified in any way to stop this occurring in future. Please describe the steps taken and also the cost implication of these measures.

Police Scotland vehicles have stickers in vehicles to confirm which type of fuel should be used.

Q4) For each of the last five years can you please advise how many instances there have been of police vehicles breaking down as a result of running out of fuel. Please provide figures for each year.

Police Scotland does not hold information in the format requested. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

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By way of explanation, an individual's right under the Act to obtain information that is held by a public authority at the time a request for information is received, there is no obligation on a public authority to create new information. Police Scotland collate information for policing purposes, however, I can inform you that the Service do not hold information in the format requested.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Glasgow at – 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 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.