

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-0006
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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.

On researching crime in the Dunoon area, I am concerned about the instances of buildings and property being subject to destruction by fire. Can you provide relative information concerning the numbers of instances of fire in Dunoon and surrounding area since 2010, their cause (arson or accident), and the results of investigations carried out (prosecutions?) to date on receipt of this request?

I have included at the bottom of this letter a table providing the Recorded and Detected crimes for the offence requested above.

With regards to results of investigations carried out (prosecutions) I can advise Police Scotland does not hold this information. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, the role of the police in Scotland, in relation to crimes and offences, is to investigate the circumstances and where sufficient evidence exists to then report the matter to the relevant Procurator Fiscal.

It is a matter for the Procurator Fiscal to decide on and to progress any prosecution through the courts. The disposal in relation to cases reported to the Procurator Fiscal is not routinely passed to the police, therefore, the Force do not hold the information requested.

By way of assistance, I have listed below contact details for the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscals Service who may be able to assist you in this matter:

Crown Office
25 Chambers Street
Edinburgh EH1 1LA
<http://www.copfs.gov.uk/>

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management – Glasgow at foiglasgow@scotland.pnn.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.

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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.pnn.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.

Table 1.

**Title: Recorded Fireraising and Muirburn Crimes within
Police Beat 'LB46', Argyll and West Dunbartonshire
Division^{1,2}**

Period: 1st January 2010 - 6th January 2022 (Calendar Years)

Offence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Fireraising excluding Muirburn	2	5	10	13	2	2	1	3	5	4	0	2	0

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 13th January 2022.

¹ The Recorded Crimes are extracted using the Date Raised, and then selecting the Stats Class Codes 403201 (Fireraising excluding Muirburn) and '403203' (Muirburn).

Table 2.

**Title: Detected Fireraising and Muirburn Crimes within
Police Beat 'LB46', Argyll and West Dunbartonshire
Division^{1,2}**

Period: 1st January 2010 - 6th January 2022 (Calendar Years)

Offence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Fireraising excluding Muirburn	3	4	3	8	2	0	1	1	4	2	0	1	0

All statistics are provisional and should be treated as management information. All data have been extracted from Police Scotland internal systems and are correct as at 13th January 2022.

¹ The Detected Crimes are extracted using the Date Detected, and then selecting the Stats Class Codes 403201 (Fireraising excluding Muirburn) and '403203' (Muirburn).