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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) the total number of vehicles used by Police Scotland with a) 0-50,000 miles, b) 50,000 – 100,000 miles, c) 100,000 – 150,000 miles, d) 150,000 – 200,000 miles, and e) more than 200,000 miles on their mileage clocks.

Please note that all responses in this FOI relate to the marked vehicle fleet of Police Scotland. That is to say vehicles that have police livery or markings.

In relation to *unmarked vehicles*, this information is considered to be exempt in terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act).

As such, in terms of Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am refusing to provide you with the information sought. Section 16 requires Police Scotland when refusing to provide such information because it is exempt, to provide you with a notice which:

- (a) states that it holds the information,
- (b) states that it is claiming an exemption,
- (c) specifies the exemption in question and
- (d) states, if that would not be otherwise apparent, why the exemption applies.

I consider the following exemptions applicable.

Section 35 – Law enforcement

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

Disclosure of the unmarked fleet would highlight vehicle resources and capabilities. Revealing this information would substantially weaken the effective use of vehicle resources with a corresponding risk to law enforcement and to the safety of both the public and officers.

This is a non-absolute exemption and requires the application of the public interest test.

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Section 39(1) – Health, safety and the environment

The release of this information would circumvent the efficient and effective provision of law enforcement by the police service for the reasons described above. This would in turn increase the risk to the personal safety of individuals and to the safety of the police officers responding to incidents.

This is a non-absolute exemption and requires the application of the public interest test.

Public Interest Test

I recognise that public awareness would favour a disclosure as it would contribute to the public debate surrounding the overall nature of vehicle resources available for deployment by the Police.

I would, however, contend that the efficient/effective conduct of the service and public safety favours retention of the information as it cannot be in the public interest to release information that would prejudice law enforcement or which is likely to have an adverse impact upon public safety.

In respect of marked vehicles please see the table below.

| Miles | Number of Vehicles |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| 0-50,000 | 1721 |
| 50,000-100,000 | 860 |
| 100,000-150,000 | 617 |
| 150,000-200,000 | 137 |
| 200,000 + | 0 |

- 2) the total number of vehicles used by Police Scotland aged (year of manufacture)**
a) 0-1 years, b) 1-2 years, c) 2-3 years, d) 3-4 years, e) 4-5 years, f) 5-10 years, and
g) over 10 years old.

In response to your question please see the table below. As noted in question 1, the figures provided relate to marked vehicles only.

| Vehicle Age by Year | Number of Vehicles |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 0-1 | 376 |
| 1-2 | 824 |
| 2-3 | 317 |
| 3-4 | 269 |
| 4-5 | 362 |
| 5-10 | 862 |
| 10 + | 348 |

Please be advised that there is a difference of 23 vehicles between questions 1 and 2. This is because 23 vehicles on Police Scotland's fleet have odometers which are measured in kilometres and not miles.

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3) the total number of electric/hybrid vehicles purchased by Police Scotland in each year 2017 to 2022.

In response to your question please see the table below. As noted in question 1, the figures provided relate to marked vehicles only.

| Year | Electric/Hybrid Purchased |
|---------|---------------------------|
| 2017/18 | 0 |
| 2018/19 | 0 |
| 2019/20 | 1 |
| 2020/21 | 103 |
| 2021/22 | 70 |

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.