| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1453Responded to: 02 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Details around the banner displayed at Ibrox stadium by football fans in the Copland road stand before the Scottish premiership football match between Rangers and Celtic on Sunday 4th May.

## Particularly

## 1.) at what point did the Police decide the banner needed siezed and what lead to this decision being made by the police to confiscate the banner?

## I.e. was it a complaint by a member of the public, or was it officials at Rangers FC that stated the banner was unacceptable and needed investigated? Or did the police force themselves deem it may be unacceptable?

The content of the banner displayed in the Copland Stand was discussed with hate crime advisors and Counter Terrorism Policing to establish if any offences had been committed. The decision to seize the banner was made by police in order to allow for the assessment of criminality.

## 2.) copies/details of all correspondence/conversations that took place between officials at Rangers FC and police Scotland with regards to the banner, from the moment of its unveiling on the 4th may until present day.

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and Section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To explain, there is no correspondence between Rangers FC and Police Scotland regarding the banner. The conversations that took place on match day were a request by Police to secure CCTV of the banner being brought into the stadium and unveiled and a courtesy notification to Rangers FC that Police Scotland intended to seize the banner whilst assessing for criminality.

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 or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

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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.

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