| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1638Responded to: 18 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing to request the following information under Freedom of Information legislation.**

1. **The number of FTE employees who work in Police Scotland’s internal legal team, including all lawyers, solicitors, etc. in a) Financial Year 2022/23, b) Financial Year 2023/24, and c) Financial Year 2024/25.**

The number of internal legal team employees per financial year is as follows:

2022/23 – 33.3

2023/24 – 37.4

2024/25 – 38

1. **The total amount spent by Police Scotland on internal legal services, including the salaries of employees in the legal team, expenses, etc. in a) Financial Year 2022/23, b) Financial Year 2023/24, and c) Financial Year 2024/25.**

The amount spent on internal legal services per financial year is as follows:

2022/23 - £2,327,891

2023/24 - £2,607,085

2024/25 - £2,507,383

1. **The total amount spent by Police Scotland on external legal services in a) Financial Year 2022/23, b) Financial Year 2023/24, and c) Financial Year 2024/25.**

The amount spent on external legal services per financial year is as follows:

2022/23 - £945,983

2023/24 - £1,943,055

2024/25 - £1,178,369

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.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by email 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.