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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Total spend on consultancy fees in the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26.

The table below provided the total spend on consultancy fees from 2022 onwards.

| **Year** | **2021-22** | **2022-23** | **2023-24** | **2024-25** | **2025-26** |
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| Total | £1,190,790 | £2,7016,353 | £2,770,273 | £2,726,731 | £325,117 |

## Total spend on social media advertising in the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26.

With regards to providing the total spend prior to 2023 the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

However, I have provided below the total spend for 2023 onwards.

2023 - 2024 - £131,014

2024 – 2025 - £145,631

## Total spend on fruitless payments in the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26.

## Total spend on special payments in the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26. Break this down by what they were for in 2024 only.

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, we do not have a code which allows us to search for these payments therefore we would need to look through each individual payment to identify if relevant to fruitless or special payments. This would cost well in excess of the £600 and 40 hours prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) 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](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.