| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1988  Responded to: 18th July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of Police Scotland a) personal protective equipment (including handcuffs, batons, body armour, etc.), b) tasers, and c) firearms which have been reported as lost or stolen or are unaccounted for, in each of the last 3 years.

In response to the number of **personal protective equipment** reported as either lost, stolen or unaccounted for over the last three years, I regret to inform you that I estimate 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.

By way of explanation, I can advise that there is no central recording process for lost/ unaccounted for police equipment (“handcuffs, batons, body armour”, etc.). Therefore, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to contact *all* our police divisions separately, within which each individual police office would also need to be contacted to enquire fully.

To be of some assistance however, if it were of interest we may be able to provide information on losses of police equipment which were recorded as security incidents.

In terms of stolen property, I can also advise that we are unable to isolate thefts of police equipment specifically. In this case, we would need to carry out a manual assessment of our crime files for relevancy; given the volume of reports that would be required to be read through for that three-year period, unfortunately this exercise would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

In response to the number of **tasers** reported as either lost, stolen or unaccounted for over the last three years, our National Taser Unit have confirmed that the number is zero.

Lastly, in response to the number of **firearms** reported as either lost, stolen or unaccounted for over the last three years, our National Armed Policing Unit have also confirmed that the number is zero.

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.