| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1009  Responded to: 25 April 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 3. How much has it cost Police Scotland to maintain and purchase the Sandcat 4x4 vehicle and how many times has it been used?

I can advise it cost Police Scotland £282,240.55 to purchase the Sandcat Protected Response vehicle. The total cost to maintain this to date is £112.50.

Regarding how many times has it been used, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland in terms of section 18.

Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

* It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held.

Whilst we accept that there is a significant public interest in better informing the public as to the specialist equipment owned by Police Scotland, the overwhelming public interest lies in protecting the integrity of the police response to any relevant incidents.

* If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure in terms of at least one exemption set out in the Act. In this instance, the following exemptions apply:
  + Section 31(1) - National Security and Defence  
    The security of the United Kingdom is of paramount importance, and we will not disclose information if it would impact on National Security.
  + Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law Enforcement  
    Disclosure would highlight the focus of police activity in relation to the use of this specialist equipment. As a result, criminals and those intent on causing disorder would be better informed as to the likely police response to their activities.

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.