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

## I’m looking into the numbers of crimes involving knives, specifically from knife retailer DNA Leisure, their wholesaler Sporting Wholesale, and their knives brand Anglo Arms.

## Q1: For the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 how many attempted murder or murder cases have been logged by your force where a bladed article purchased from ‘DNA Leisure’ was recorded as an element of the case?

## Q2: For the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 how many attempted murder or murder cases have been logged by your force where a bladed article manufactured by ‘Sporting Wholesale’ was recorded as an element of the case?

## Q3: For the years 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 how many attempted murder or murder cases have been logged by your force where a bladed article belonging to the knife brand Anglo Arms was recorded as an element of the case?

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.

By way of explanation, the only way to collate this information in an accurate and comprehensive manner would be to manually assess each murder/ attempted murder case for relevance to knives and thereafter extract and note any information about the purchase of same.

In 2023/24 alone there were 303 cases of murder/ attempted murder, as such this is an exercise that would far exceed the cost threshold set out within 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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.