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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

The Compensation and Surrender Scheme was a Scottish Government scheme which was supported by Police Scotland. The scheme only applied to certain types of weapons which have been illegal to sell and import for a number of years.

Police Scotland is supporting the Scottish Government's surrender and compensation scheme as part of the Offensive Weapons Act. The scheme is designed to encourage owners of specific offensive weapons to hand them into designated police stations until 30 September and ahead of the new legislation which will see private ownership become illegal. All weapons surrendered will be destroyed in a controlled manner on conclusion of the scheme and in line with previous weapons amnesties.

The number of weapons handed over to Police Scotland under the Surrender and Compensation Scheme

153 weapons in total surrendered under the scheme. 42 of these weapons were from the prescribed list and eligible to apply for compensation (39 surrendered with claim for compensation / 3 had no claim for compensation submitted).

111 weapons were surrendered as part of the scheme but were not of a type from the prescribed list and so were not eligible to claim for compensation.

A breakdown of these weapons into type, i.e flick knife, gravity knife, balisong etc and which police station they were handed in to

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Of the 42 weapons surrendered which were eligible to claim for compensation, the following tables provide a breakdown by weapon type and by Police Station surrendered at:

WEAPON TYPE	NUMBER SURRENDERED
BELT BUCKLE KNIFE	1
PUSH DAGGER	1
SHURIKEN	2
BALISONG	3
TELESCOPIC TRUNCHEON	3
TRUNCHEON	5
ZOMBIE KNIFE	7
FLICK KNIFE	12
GRAVITY KNIFE	2
KNUCKLE DUSTER	1
SWORDSTICK	2
DISGUISED KNIFE	1
STEALTH KNIFE	1
HOLLOW KUBOTAN	1
TOTAL	42

WEAPON TYPE	NUMBER	POLICE STATION
BELT BUCKLE KNIFE	1	DUMBARTON
FLICK KNIFE	4	DUMBARTON
GRAVITY KNIFE	1	DUMBARTON
PUSH DAGGER	1	DUMBARTON
SHURIKEN	2	DUMBARTON
BALISONG	2	DUMBARTON
TELESCOPIC TRUNCHEON	1	DUMBARTON
TRUNCHEON	1	DUMBARTON
ZOMBIE KNIFE	6	DUMBARTON
KNUCKLE DUSTER	1	DUNOON
SWORDSTICK	2	DUNOON
DISGUISED KNIFE	1	DUNOON
STEALTH KNIFE	1	DUNOON
FLICK KNIFE	6	DUNOON
GRAVITY KNIFE	1	DUNOON
BALISONG	1	DUNOON
TRUNCHEON	1	DUNOON
TELESCOPIC TRUNCHEON	1	DUNOON
HOLLOW KUBOTAN	1	KILBURNIE
TELESCOPIC TRUNCHEON	1	KILBURNIE

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FLICK KNIFE	1	CUMNOCK
TELESCOPIC TRUNCHEON	1	CUMNOCK
ZOMBIE KNIFE	1	KIRKINTILLOCH
LOCKING FLICK KNIFE	1	INVERNESS
TELESCOPIC BATON	1	KILMARNOCK
SIDE HANDLED BATON	1	INVERNESS
TOTAL	42	

Of the 111 weapons surrendered that were not eligible to claim for compensation, the breakdown by weapon type and Police Station is provided below:

POLICE STATION	WEAPON TYPE
DRUMCHAPEL	SMALL MACHETE X 1
MOTHERWELL	KNIFE X 6
KILMARNOCK	KITCHEN KNIFE X 5
CLYDEBANK	KNIFE X 8
KILMARNOCK	SAMURAI SWORD X 1
SALTCOATS	KNIFE X 2
SALTCOATS	BARBERS TOOLS X 1
DRUMCHAPEL	MACHETE X 1
INVERNESS	KNIFE X 1
ELGIN	KNIFE X 50
ELGIN	SWORD X 5
ELGIN	AXE X 1
ELGIN	SLINGSHOT X 1
INVERURIE	SWORD X 2
MARSHALL COLLEGE POLICE STATION	SWORD X 8
MARSHALL COLLEGE POLICE STATION	KNIVES X 6
KIRKCALDY	MACHETE X 1
LEVENMOUTH	KNIVES X 4
GLENROTHES	KNIVES X 5
GLENROTHES	PICK AXE X 1
CUPAR	KNIFE X 1
TOTAL	111

The number of individual people who handed over weapons

Eligible weapons surrendered with claims – 5 individuals

Eligible weapons surrendered with no claims – 3 individuals

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Weapons surrendered but not eligible for claim – 14 individuals

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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