

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1550
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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.

I would like to know the number of scope claims by category on a month by month basis for 2022 from January to when the figures are collated.

By this I mean for instance, in jan/feb/Mar etc there were x amount of overtime claims, x amount of mileage claims, x amount of excessive rest day disruption claims.

It would be beneficial for the number of overtime hours to be included in this and the value of mileage in cash terms, if this is available.

The table below provides the number of overtime claim and hours, the month indicated is date the overtime was worked, not when the claim was submitted.

Month Worked	Hours claimed (non enhanced)	OT Claims
Jan-22	120,550	28,433
Feb-22	65,563	20,591
Mar-22	93,755.5	26,204
Apr-22	97,111.75	24,850
May-22	92,730.25	25,835
Jun-22	129,944.25	30,084
Jul-22	105,028.5	29,321

The table below provides the number of allowances claim and hours, the month indicated is the date the allowance claim was worked, not when the allowance claim was submitted.

Month Worked	Allowance category	Total Allowance claims
Jan-22	Excessive Rest Day Disruption Allowance	513
Feb-22	Excessive Rest Day Disruption Allowance	613

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Mar-22	Excessive Rest Day Disruption Allowance	746
Apr-22	Excessive Rest Day Disruption Allowance	926
May-22	Excessive Rest Day Disruption Allowance	1025
Jun-22	Excessive Rest Day Disruption Allowance	826
Jul-22	Excessive Rest Day Disruption Allowance	707

The table below provides the number of mileage claims, the month indicated is the date the mileage claim was worked, not when the allowance claim was submitted.

Month Worked	Expense Group	Total Allowance claims
Jan-22	Mileage	4940
Feb-22	Mileage	4614
Mar-22	Mileage	6281
Apr-22	Mileage	5367
May-22	Mileage	5853
Jun-22	Mileage	4782
Jul-22	Mileage	3784

In regards to the value of mileage in cash terms, I have taken this to mean the value of the miles claimed for in each of the months noted. In this regard I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, mileage claims are posted to our Finance Ledger by our Payroll department on a monthly basis but are recorded as a cumulative total per cost centre rather than broken down by month. As we do not report monthly on this cost, our BI finance system does not have the required data to extract a monthly total.

In order to obtain this information, each mileage claim would need to be manually extracted and then cross referenced to break it down into the month it was paid.

In this case 35,621 claims would need to be manually checked. At a conservative estimate of 2 minutes per record, this equates to 1,187 hours of work to provide the information requested.

Police Scotland have assessed that the £600 cost limit within the Act equates to 40 hours of work and so this part of your request would breach the cost threshold.

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You may wish to consider submitting a request for the amount of mileage paid for a different period such as the 2021/2022 financial year rather than for specific months within a year.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalrnock, 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.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.