| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2942  Responded to: 09 December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please can you provide the meter readings for Police Scotland, St Leonards Edinburgh Southside building EH8 9QW the last submitted readings In Gas and Electric.**

Please note that Police Scotland have automatic metre reader devices in place which send readings every 30 mins to the supplier for both gas and electricity.

I can confirm that as of 31st October the meter reading for gas was 870826 units.

Police Scotland do not receive readings for electricity as it is done via smart meter, as such, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

**And can you please provide the set tarrif for Police Scotland, St Leonards Edinburgh Southside building EH8 9QW**

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the following exemptions apply:

* Section 33(1)(b) - Commercial Interests and the economy’

Police Scotland utilise the Scottish Government Electricity and Natural Gas Framework Agreements for the public sector - further details of which can be found online:

[Procurement: electricity framework agreement: 2024 to 2029 - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/publications/procurement-electricity-framework/)

[Procurement - natural gas: framework agreement - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/publications/natural-gas-framework-agreement/)

The tariff information is not in the public domain and it is assessed that disclosure via FOI would hamper the ability of the Scottish Government, on behalf of a number of Scottish Public Bodies, to obtain best value in such framework agreements in the future.

**Public Interest Test**

Disclosure would lead to better understanding of the way public funds are spent and it would increase accountability and transparency in terms of this spending.

Conversely, it would be commercially unfair to the current suppliers to disclose details of the more competitive pricing offered to Scottish Public Bodies through the framework agreement.

Police Scotland is a publicly funded organisation and has an obligation therefore to obtain best value for money. To do this, it is essential to maintain working relationships with these companies that tender their services.

On balance, the public interest lies in favour of maintaining the exemption on this occasion and refusing to divulge the tariff information.

## And who is the supplier

I can confirm that the supplier used by Police Scotland for Electricity is ‘EDF Major Business’ and that the supplier used by Police Scotland for Gas is ‘Total Energies Power & Gas’.

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.