

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2756
Date: 11 January 2023



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.

Q1) For each of the last five calendar years (2017 – 2021) can you please share how many instances there were of police vehicles having the incorrect fuel put in them. Please also provide any available data for 2022.

Q2) Can you please supply the cost to the force of rectifying the misfuelling and the vehicle. Please give the total cost for each calendar year from 2017 to 2021, if possible. Please also provide any available data for 2022.

In response to these questions,

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Q1	16	8	11	12	10	7
Q2	£2,004.92	£467.75	£238.71	£347.47	£492.67	£602.92

Q3) For each of the last five years can you please advise how many instances there have been of police vehicles breaking down as a result of running out of fuel. Please provide figures for each year.

Having considered this question in terms of the Act, 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, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to manually examine each and every call out to the AA to establish the reason for a breakdown. A recent [request](#) showed that for 2021 there were 1349 call outs. Therefore this is an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@scotland.police.uk 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, 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.

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.

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