| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2554  Responded to: 03 October 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**Please provide all documents and communications related to any clandestine operations run by the Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU) since January 1st, 2013.**

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, if we only considered Police Scotland’s Counter Terrorism Unit, then for each individual, we would require to search, at a minimum, the e-mail address in their name and one for their business area. We would have to consider everyone who was a member of the Counter Terrorism Unit within the time frame specified including those who have now resigned or retired.

In addition, anyone who has worked on any operations would also have to be contacted and searches completed and, technically to consider your request in its widest form all police divisions would have to be contacted to establish if they have received any communications.

Information may be held in various formats, paper, electronic, etc and all material would have to be physically examined to establish if it meets the terms of your enquiry and then redacted if necessary.

We have assessed that this would take a considerable amount of time and would be in excess of the £600 and 40 hours prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

Futhermore, given the subject matter of your request, it is highly likely that were we able to collate information of relevance with cost, those materials would attract exemption in terms of sections 31(1), 34(1)(b), 35(1)(a)&(b), 38(1)(b) and 39(1) of 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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.