| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2146  Responded to: 18 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**The sum spent by Police Scotland on overtime costs for a) police officers and b) police staff in financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.**

The table below details total overtime paid by Police Scotland to officers and staff for the period 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2025.

The figures include all overtime claims that have not been cancelled.

| **Year** | **Overtime paid to Officers** | **Overtime paid to Staff** |
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| 2022/23 | £42,689,162 | £4,436,049 |
| 2023/24 | £25,305,080 | £3,406,019 |
| 2024/25 | £28,150,447 | £3,400,193 |

Please note that the higher than normal figure for 2022/23 is attributable to the police operation regarding the death of Her Majesty the Queen in 2023.

Available days has been calculated using the number of days available.

Periods of sickness, maternity, annual leave etc have not been considered as part of this request.

Paid amount represents claims paid that others may have taken as Time off in Lieu.

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.