| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0725  Responded to: 05 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The number of vehicles used by Police Scotland in their unmarked fleet with a registration date of between 1980 and 1999. Please provide this information for the financial year of 2023-24 and 2024-25 so far and break it down by the date of registration.

In terms of section 18 of the Act, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland. Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

* It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held.

Whilst we accept that doing so would better inform the public as to the equipment in use by Police Scotland and the associated accountability for public funds, the overwhelming public interest lies in protecting the integrity of the unmarked fleet.

* If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure. In this instance, the following exemptions would apply:

Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law enforcement

Disclosure would prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders by leading to covert vehicles being identified - or vehicles being ruled out as potentially covert - thereby compromising their effectiveness entirely.

Section 39(1) - Health, safety and the environment

Disclosure would increase the risk to the personal safety of police officers and members of the public as a result of covert vehicles being identified.

I recognise that public awareness would favour a disclosure as it would contribute to the public debate surrounding the overall nature of vehicle resources available for deployment by the Police.

I would however contend that the efficient/ effective conduct of the service and public safety favours non-disclosure as it cannot be in the public interest to release information that would prejudice law enforcement or which is likely to have an adverse impact upon public safety.

The link below provides information in relation to our marked vehicle fleet which you may find useful:

[Fleet information - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/fleet-information/)

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.