

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2366
Date: 16th November 2022



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.

1. Once a vehicle has been seized by the police, how long is it stored before it is destroyed?

Seized vehicles are held for 14 days following seizure. If they are not collected by expiry of the 14 day period then they are processed for disposal.

2. How many vehicles have been destroyed for this reason over the last year? (The last complete set of annual data you have)

3. Please could you sort the above data by vehicle type?

The table below provides the number of vehicles destroyed, by vehicle type, from 1st January 2021 – 31st December 2021.

Seized Vehicle – Destroyed	Total
Car	1,967
Large Van – 2.6 to 4.0T	30
LWB Vehicles 5.2 metres up to 4.0T	7
Medium Van – up to 2.5 ton	23
Motorcycle / Quad bike	111
Other (light)	4
Small van – car derived van	48
Total	2,190

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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.

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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.

