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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.

Please could you now provide me with the ethnicity breakdown of people stopped under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act in July and August 2021?

The information sought can be found in the table below:

Ethnicity	July 2021	August 2021
A1 - Asian - Indian	0	0
A2 - Asian - Pakistani	0	0
A3 - Asian - Bangladeshi	0	0
A9 - Asian - Any Other	6	3
B1 - Black - Caribbean	0	0
B2 - Black - African	1	0
B9 - Black - Any Other	0	0
M1 - Mixed - White & Black Caribbean	0	0
M2 - Mixed - White & Black African	0	0
M3 - Mixed - White & Asian	0	0
M9 - Mixed - Any Other	0	0
O1 - Chinese	0	1
O9 - Any Other Ethnic Group	4	5
W1 - White - British	0	0
W2 - White - Irish	3	0
W9 - White - Any Other	0	3
NS - Not Stated	7	12

Section 53 of the Terrorism Act 2000 brought into effect Schedule 7 (as amended by the Anti-Terrorism Crime and Security Act 2001) which enables an examining officer to stop, search and examine a person at a port or in a border area to determine whether they are someone who is or who has been concerned in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism.

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All forces have the ability to apply these powers and when an encounter extends beyond a short period of time this process is commonly known as an examination.

Police Scotland's priority is to keep the people of Scotland safe and we are committed to providing an effective coordinated response to the terrorist threat by ensuring appropriate resources are engaged in partnership with communities and other agencies to stop people from becoming sympathetic to terrorists or supporting terrorism.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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.