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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide details of any directions, guidance, or instructions issued by the Law Officers or the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service to Police Scotland regarding the detention or arrest of individuals wearing parody or satirical T-shirts, specifically those referring to “Plasticine Action.”

## I am particularly seeking to understand the Crown’s position on how anti-terrorism legislation should be applied in relation to parody, satire, and other forms of creative expression.

Police Scotland does not hold any guidance issued by the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) relating to the specific circumstances set out in your request and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

You may wish to contact the COPFS directly at [Freedom of Information requests | COPFS](https://www.copfs.gov.uk/contact/freedom-of-information-requests/)

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.