

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2059  
Date: 28 October 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.

**How many officers are currently allocated to investigating the awarding of ferry contracts by CMAL to Ferguson Marine?**

**As of today's date (28/09/2022) has Police Scotland contacted any of the following in relation to this matter?**

- Nicola Sturgeon MSP (first minister)
- John Swinney MSP (deputy first minister)
- Derek McKay (former Scottish minister)
- Keith Brown MSP
- Any aides or civil servants who were at the time or are still employed in the Scottish civil service.
- Any current or former employees or commercial email addresses at CMAL or Ferguson Marine

**If yes, I'd like to request copies of all correspondence.**

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I would advise you that under Section 18 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), Police Scotland can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information requested by you.

However, *if* the information was held by the Service, it would be considered exempt in terms of one or more of the exemptions detailed in Section 18 of the Act, which are listed below:

- Section 38(1) (b) and 38(1) (2A) - Third party personal data
- Section 34(1) - Investigations
- Section 35(1) (a) & (b) - Law Enforcement

To disclose whether or not information was held would confirm whether or not the individual referred to was in some way known to Police Scotland.

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If any information were held, it would be held for the purpose of an investigation and disclosure of such information would prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

*This should not, however, be taken as conclusive evidence that the information you have requested exists or does not exist.*

If you require further assistance or 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.