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

## How many prosecutions have there been under the Computer Misuse Act in Scotland in the past five years?

## How many of these were successful prosecutions?

## Overall by how much has cyber crime grown in the same time period,  excluding those of a sexual or hate crime nature .

## In the same time frame how many prosecutions have there been for cyber fraud?

## How many of these were successful prosecutions?

Police Scotland does not hold criminal conviction/ prosecution data and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. You may wish to contact the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) and/ or the Scottish Courts Service.

## 6. What is the annual budget allocation within Police Scotland for cyber fraud?

The information sought is not held and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Whilst Police Scotland does have a dedicated Cybercrime Unit (the remit of which goes beyond fraud/ financial crimes), local territorial divisions within Police Scotland also have officers who deal with cybercrime prevention and investigation.

These officers will not be solely dedicated to cybercrime prevention and investigation for their role and will have other duties to conduct.

Police Scotland do not record how much of a shift each officer dedicates to each enquiry and so it is not possible to collate what proportion of work conducted by particular officers would need to be included in those figures.

Additionally, we have an Economic Crime Unit - but their remit is not restricted to online fraud.

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 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 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.