| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-1474  Responded to: 30 June 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Operation Escalade - can you provide details of all costs relating to this operation with as detailed a breakdown as possible?

I can advise that Police Scotland does not hold all of the above requested information.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that all the requested information is not held.

By way of explanation, the total costs relating to any operation are difficult to quantify as the nature of policing means that officers are deployed to wherever their services are most required.

Furthermore, the number of officers required throughout an operation will fluctuate and officers involved can be redeployed to other duties at any time, dependant on their skillsets.

Police Scotland, may keep limited records for operations costs, however, these do not provide an accurate reflection, for the reasons stated above of the total cost for an operation. The costs do not include, for example, officer hours where that officer would have been on duty anyway and as such are not recorded as a specific expense to a particular operation.

To be of assistance, I have provided, at the end of this letter, a yearly breakdown of costs held for this operation.

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.

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| **YEAR** | **2017** | **2018`** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| **COSTS** | £3,181.07 | £34,934.91 | £95,076.20 | £42,740.05 | £31,310.01 | £376.90 | £259.96 |