

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2201
Date: 7th November 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.

The total number of lorries (including the tractor unit or trailer on its own or both), stolen within your constabularies jurisdiction during the following periods:

- **1st January 2020 - September 30th 2020**
- **1st January 2021 - September 30th 2021**
- **1st January 2022 - September 30th 2022**

Please provide the following details for each data point:

- **The location from which the lorry was stolen (e.g. haulage company, car park, service stations, overnight Truck Stops, delivery location or other)**
- **What security measures were in operation at the location of theft (e.g. gates, fencing, HVM roadblockers, other or none)**
- **The value of the lorry itself**
- **What goods the lorry was responsible for carrying**
- **The value of goods the lorry was carrying**

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification codes and are not thereafter sub-categorised.

In this instance, the relevant classification would be Theft of a Motor Vehicle. However, the same classification is used for theft of all types of vehicles.

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As such, the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to individually examine all Theft of Motor Vehicle offences, for the time period requested to establish if the vehicle stolen was a lorry.

As illustrated by our [published statistics](#), this would involve carrying out case by case assessment of thousands of crime reports - an exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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.