| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-0968Responded to: 22 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## On 14 March 2025, Police Scotland published material in response to case 21-1726.

## [21-1726 - Correspondence with COPFS re. alleged financial irregularities by SNP - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/disclosure-log-2025/january/21-1726-correspondence-with-copfs-re-alleged-financial-irregularities-by-snp/)

## This included Document 1, which stated that in April and June 2021, Police Scotland shared 'if asked' media lines with the COPFS and the SNP for their 'awareness'.

## <https://www.scotland.police.uk/spa-media/mq4fyulg/document-1.pdf>

## Please supply all items of information in all such 'awareness' correspondence between Police Scotland and the SNP in relation to Operation Branchform in calendar year 2021.

In accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, a significant volume of data has been identified as meeting the terms of your information request. To establish what information is suitable for disclosure, all this information would require to be physically examined and redacted where necessary.

This task would take in excess of the 40 hours and £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

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](https://www.foi.scot/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.