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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.

1) The number of reported thefts of electric vehicle charging cables from January 2019 to the current date, broken down by month.

In response to this question, 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, Police Scotland record crimes using the Scottish Government Justice Department crime classification codes. In this case, the classifications would be all classifications of Theft and Housebreaking. Therefore the only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to manually examine each and every one of the relevant crime reports to establish what was stolen in relation to your question. Unfortunately, whilst information regarding items stolen is recorded in each case, the only way to access this data is via each individual crime report. Therefore given the volume of reports this is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

2) The number of reported cyber attacks against internet connected or automated vehicles from January 2020 to the current date, broken down by month. For example, this could relate one or more of the following:

- **Malware, or another cyber-attack that damages or destroys their vehicles' data, software, or operating systems**
- **A vehicle being immobilised or made inoperable,**
- **A hacker communicating and confronting with drivers over their audio system**

3) The number of reported keyless car thefts from January 2020 to the current date, broken down by month and vehicle type.

As explained above, Police Scotland record crimes using the Scottish Government Justice Department crime classification codes. There is no specific classification for cyber-attacks on vehicles and would likely be classified as an offences such as vandalism. I can also advise you that motor vehicle thefts are not sub-categorised into whether keyless entry was used. Therefore I can again advise you that all relevant crime reports would have to be individually examined to establish the circumstances. As such as before, 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.

You can access our crime statistics via the following web link: [How we are performing - Police Scotland](#)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee on foi@scotland.police.uk 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.