| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0598  Responded to: 05 March 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Under the Freedom of Information Act please can I request the following information broken down by the following calendar years: 2017, 2018, 2019 ,2020 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

## 1) How many investigations have been launched into business premises suspected of selling stolen goods during the years outlined above.

## 2) Of those how many resulted in a charge or summons.

I regret to inform you 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, we would need to manually review all Crime Reports to establish if the suspect/accused was connected to a business. This would take a considerable amount of time and would exceed the £600 and 40 hour cost limit 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](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](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.