| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-1035  Responded to: 03 May 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## How many police hours have historically been deployed over the last 5 years, and are currently being deployed since 1st Jan 2023, on capercaillie protection in a) Badenoch and Strathspey, b)the Cairngorms National Park and c) the whole of Scotland?

## Also, what is the full cost of this protection, and what services are being cut in order to allow this to happen?

I can advise you that Police Scotland do not record resources in terms of officer numbers or finance based on the nature of activity/investigation. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

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.