| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0063  Responded to: 22 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

**In light of the recent SIC decision: 262/2024, I would like to request the following information.**

## 1) Applying the same approach as instructed by the Scottish Information Commissioner, please provide correspondence between the Crown Office and Police Scotland on the topic of Operation Branchform since May 1, 2024, to date.

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 number of documents would require to be physically examined and the information contained within each document considered for suitability for release.

Accordingly, 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](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.