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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## **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 full record of the First Minister's car journeys between 24th March 2020 until 15th July 2020.**
- 2. The full record of the First Minister's car journeys between 5th January 2021 and 5th April 2021.**

**I note that under the Scottish Government's 'Ministerial engagements, travel and gifts' record it states "in accordance with advice from Police Scotland, the First Minister's car travel arrangements are not published".**

**I completely understand the rationale that revealing routine travel arrangements could allow people, who wish the FM harm, to deduce where they would be at certain times. However, I am requesting the record of the FM's record for a very particular period of time in which Scotland was in lockdown and the FM should've only been going between their place of work and home.**

**I am requesting this information because I believe it is in the public interest.**

**By providing the record it should show that the FM abided by the travel restrictions during those two periods of lockdowns and only went where the rules at the time permitted.**

**Again, I would like to reiterate that there can be no security concern if the record of past journeys only reflects that the FM went between work and home during those periods of strict lockdown. In other words, that record couldn't have any bearing on the FM's current routine journeys and therefore there can be no safety or security concerns in releasing the information.**

The information sought is *not held* by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To explain, any records relating to the dates in question have been disposed of in accordance with our record retention policies.

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Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.