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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**The number of mobile phones that were stolen in each of the following cities in the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date: Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Inverness, Perth, and Dunfermline.**

**Please break this down by crime type where possible – for example, phones stolen from person, robbery, theft from a vehicle, burglary etc.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, for the time period covered by your request, we are unable to search by the nature of stolen property involved.

The only way to establish whether the property stolen was a mobile phone, would be to individually examine all Theft offences for the period covered by your request. This would involve case by case assessment of a vast number of crime reports - an exercise which would clearly exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

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.