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## **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.

**This is an information request relating to purchasing of newspaper The National. Please include the information broken down by the following financial years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22:**

- **Expenditure on subscriptions to The National, for example a yearly or a monthly subscription. Please make clear the dates that the subscription was held between and the total cost of the subscription. Please make clear if a subscription is ongoing.**
- **Please include digital and print subscriptions**
- **Expenditure on individual copies of The National. Please make clear the number of copies purchased and the total expenditure**

**Please do not include any free subscriptions provided to the organisation by The National.**

**By The National I mean the Scottish daily newspaper owned by Newsquest and based at 125 Fullarton Drive, Glasgow. Their website is here:**

**<https://www.thenational.scot/>**

The information held by Police Scotland shows the newspaper supplier and date information, however we hold no data on the names of the newspapers that have been supplied.

As the information held regarding newspaper purchases does not go into sufficient detail to allow us to identify the specific publication, 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.

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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.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.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.