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

## Under the Freedom of Information Act please can I request the following information broken down by the following calendar years: 2017, 2018, 2019 ,2020 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

## 1) How many investigations have been launched into businesses for breaches of Section 22 of the Theft Act 1968. I.e. how many businesses investigated for “handling stolen goods”

## 2) Of those how many resulted in a charge or summons.

The Theft Act 1968 is not recognised legislation in Scotland, as such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

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.