

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-1777  
Date: 7<sup>th</sup> September 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.

**What was the total cost of heating and gas to Police Scotland for the years 2019/21 and 21/22.**

In relation to your question about the total cost of heating, Police Scotland do not hold this information. As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by Police Scotland.

This is in essence as police buildings will have a single meter for gas and a single meter for electricity use and we do not record how much gas/electricity is used specifically for heating as opposed to hot water and other uses.

In regards to your question for total gas cost, please find the requested information in the table below.

Year	Gas (Net) Costs
2019-20	£2,528,204
2021-21	£2,213,423
2021-22	£2,309,820

**What is the estimated cost of heating and gas for the period covering 2022/2023.**

In relation to your question about the total cost of heating, I would again advise that in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information requested is not held by Police Scotland. I would direct you to my answer to question 1 for the reasons this applies.

In regards to your question for estimated total gas cost, please find the requested information in the table below.

Year	Forecast Gas (Net) Spend
2022-23	£5,428,476

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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.