| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-1685  Responded to: 05 June 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Question

## I am writing to request the following information under Freedom of Information legislation. With respect to the Scottish Government's answer to Parliamentary Question SW6-37788 (link here: [https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/questions-and-answers/question?ref=S6W-37788](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.parliament.scot%2Fchamber-and-committees%2Fquestions-and-answers%2Fquestion%3Fref%3DS6W-37788&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7C848131c146974f5608aa08dda0300fbd%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C638842850492402704%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tAU9pk%2Bk4O3C4QO%2BzvCFcwwR7Icdn5QH5wttqnwuzOE%3D&reserved=0)),

## How many barber shops have been investigated by Police Scotland for suspected money laundering in each of the last 5 years.

## How many reports have Police Scotland submitted to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service relating to money laundering in barber shops, in each of the last 5 years.

Response

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, there are in the region of 300 potentially relevant money laundering crime reports for the period covered by your request, each of which would have to be individually assessed in detail to identify any links to barber shops specifically. An exercise which I estimate would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations. To be of assistance, data for the relevant crime classifications can be found online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/):

* Terrorism, money laundering related offences
* Other criminal conduct, money laundering offences
* Drugs, money laundering offences​​

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.