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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.

From 1st October 2021 to 15th November 2021, I would like to request all internal and external correspondence and communications that mention, or refer to, protests and protesters at COP26.

In accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, on conducting a search on the word "Protest" within correspondence for the project team for COP26 there were found to be 441 results obtained. The only way to extract the requested information would be to physically examine each item of correspondence and then checked for relevance and redact as appropriate. Also please note all correspondence and communications requested also would include briefing documents, guidance packages, tasking and minutes of meetings which would also need to be physically examined.

Therefore if I was to use a conservative estimate that it would take 10 minutes to check each item of correspondence email, then calculations show that it would take approximately 73 hours, and would cost approximately £1,102.50 to carry out this task. This is in excess of the £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management – Glasgow at foi@scotland.police.uk 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 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.

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You can apply [online](#), by email to 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.