| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1943  Responded to: 17 September 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Between 20/07/2024 - 09/08/2024 I would like to know how much it cost (an estimate of financial damage sustained by your force due to disorders and riots)?.

## How many Police officers were injured in these incidents?.

Within the time frame noted, I can advise that there were no incidents of serious disorder within the Police Scotland area as such in terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by Police Scotland.

## Did you have prior intelligence about riots and disorder?? if so on which date were you informed??

## How many trained and specialist Riot and public order officers do you have in your force??

In response to the two questions above, I am refusing to confirm or deny whether the information sought exists or is held by Police Scotland in terms of section 18 of the Act.

Section 18 applies where the following two conditions are met:

- It would be contrary to the public interest to reveal whether the information is held

- If the information was held, it would be exempt from disclosure in terms of one or more of the exemptions set out in sections 28 to 35, 38, 39(1) or 41 of the Act.

The following exemptions are considered relevant:

Section 31(1) – National Security

Section 35(1) (a) & (b) - Law Enforcement

Disclosure of the requested information, if held, could undermine any ongoing or future operations to protect the security or infrastructure of the United Kingdom and increase the risk of harm to the public. Additionally, would substantially prejudice the ability of Police Scotland with regards the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

This explanation should not be taken as indicative or conclusive evidence that the information you have requested does or does not exist.

## Between 2010 - 04/07/2024, how many riots, protests and disorders were there across in your country/jurisdiction?.

## How much resources both in numbers and in terms of money or budget spent on sporting events like

In response to the two questions above, 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 to provide the total number of events of riots, protests and disorder over the extensive time period specified, many database systems including legacy policing systems would need to be searched and incidents identified would need to be manually assessed for relevance.

This is an exercise which would greatly exceed the cost threshold set out within the Act.

## In which year did you receive intelligence and briefed by the hierarchy by the growing radicalism and extremism in the UK?.

In response to this question please see the response to questions 3 and 4.

## How many complaints were submitted to you between 2010 – 2024

The information sought is held by Police Scotland, but I am refusing to provide it in terms of section 16(1) of the Act on the basis that the section 25(1) exemption applies:

“Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it […] is exempt information”.

The information sought is publicly available:

[Publication Library | Scottish Police Authority (spa.police.uk)](https://www.spa.police.uk/publication-library/?committee=Complaints+and+Conduct+Committee)

## Between 2010 - 2024 did your force experience cuts to the budget???

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The information sought is publicly available:

[Annual Report and Accounts | Scottish Police Authority (spa.police.uk)](https://www.spa.police.uk/spotlight-on/policing-budget/annual-report-and-accounts/)

## How many immediate calls did you miss (emergency 999) calls your force failed to attend on time???.

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The information sought is publicly available:

[How we are performing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/)

## What is the full strength of Police presence in terms of numbers (how many officers will suffice the force) to carry out their daily activities without difficulties (Excluding unforeseen circumstances such as riots and etc).

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The information sought is publicly available:

[Police Scotland Officer Numbers - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/police-scotland-officer-numbers/)

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.