| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2570  Responded to: 5 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Operation Branchform - What is happening with this, why are you taking so long, is this politically motivated?

## Have the Police not got more urgent business to attend to?

## The initial pictures on television were ridiculous - was this necessary?

## This is only going to be another complete waste of taxpayers money - or more handouts to solicitors! Who decided to proceed with this in the first place?

Police Scotland does not hold the above requested information.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

In this instance you have requested information which requires opinion or a yes/no response and is not in essence a valid request for recorded information.

To be of assistance, I can advise that Police Scotland submitted a standard prosecution report to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service on the 23 May 2024. A link to the statement released in relation to this is provided below:

[Operation Branchform - report submitted to Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/what-s-happening/news/2024/may/operation-branchform-report-submitted-to-crown-office-and-procurator-fiscal-service/)

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.