| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-2693  Responded to: 02 November 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**How many of your force's currently operational vehicles are over five years old?  
How many of your force's currently operational vehicles are over 10 years old?  
What is your force's oldest operational vehicle?  
How many currently operational vehicles does your force possess?**

## It is necessary to split this response into two parts, one in relation to our covert vehicle fleet and another in relation to our marked vehicle fleet.

## In relation to our marked vehicle fleet, the information sought is publicly available:

## [Fleet information - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/fleet-information/)

## The information is therefore 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”.

## In relation to our covert vehicle fleet, 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 following exemptions apply:

## Section 35(1)(a)&(b) - Law enforcement

## Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would or would be likely to prejudice substantially the prevention or detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

## Disclosure of the information sought regarding our unmarked fleet would potentially lead to covert vehicles being identified - thereby compromising their effectiveness entirely.

## Section 39(1) - Health, safety and the environment

## Disclosure would increase the risk to the personal safety of police officers and members of the public as a result of covert vehicles being identified.

## I recognise that public awareness would favour a disclosure as it would contribute to the public debate surrounding the overall nature of vehicle resources available for deployment by the Police.

## I would however contend that the efficient/ effective conduct of the service and public safety favours non-disclosure as it cannot be in the public interest to release information that would prejudice law enforcement or which is likely to have an adverse impact upon public safety.

## How many of your force's vehicles broke down for each of the years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023?

I have interpreted your meaning of “break down” to mean an occasion where the vehicle suddenly ceases to function/an event that stops the vehicle from being driven.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by Police Scotland.

By way of explanation Police Scotland do not record the number of occasions that a vehicle has broken down.

If a vehicle is brought to the workshop due to a fault, work is undertaken to complete repairs and all work carried out is recorded as part of the individual vehicle’s service history.

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.