| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2498  Responded to: 23 October 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I would like to know how much money has been made by the department from police auctions in the last 5 years broken down by year from 01 January 2019 to 01 October 2024.**

The table below details the overall amount of income received at auction by Police Scotland per financial year from 01 April 2018 – 30 September 2024.

*Table 1 - Auction income received by Police Scotland – 01/04/2018 – 30/09/2024*

| **Financial year** | **Auction income** |
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| 2018/2019 | £19,586 |
| 2019/2020 | £66,072 |
| 2020/2021 | £60,466 |
| 2021/2022 | £87,235 |
| 2022/2023 | £41,594 |
| 2023/2024 | £23,911 |
| 2024/2025 | £2,220 |
| **Total** | **£301,084** |

**If you could also give me a figure for how much of the total money made during that time is from the auctioning of bicycles that would be much appreciated.**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

By way of explanation, the ledger does not provide specific breakdown of items.

**Finally, and I appreciate this is subjective and probably outside the remit of an FOI request so discount it if no answer can be given, what is the strangest item that the department has had to put up for auction?**

As you may be aware, the Act provides a right of access to recorded information only.  Questions seeking the creation of comment or opinion in relation to a particular query, are not therefore valid in terms of [section 8 of the Act](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2002/13/section/8).

You may be interested in the following FOI response, published on our website:

<https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/disclosure-log-2023/december/23-3030-unclaimed-seized-property-sold-at-auctions-incl-value-from-december-2018-to-date/>

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.