| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-2385Responded to: 27 September 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**1. Can you give me by amount, the top ten types of businesses that have been found to have laundered money? For example nail salons, taxi companies, vape stores, barber shops etc.**

**2. Can you give me a list for each of the last five years, broken down by year?**

**3. Please include the total number of each type of business with each year listed in a descending order.**

Having considered your request in terms of the above Act, I regret to inform you that I am unable to provide you with the information you have requested, as it would prove too costly to do so within the context of the fee regulations.

As you may be aware the current cost threshold is £600 and I estimate that it would cost well in excess of this amount to process your request.

As such, and in terms of Section 16(4) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 where Section 12(1) of the Act (Excessive Cost of Compliance) has been applied, this represents a refusal notice for the information sought.

By way of explanation, the crime recording systems used by Police Scotland have no facility which allows for us to conduct a keyword search of crime reports, nor is there a facility which allows us to search by type of locus.

The only way to establish this, would be to individually examine all ‘Other Group 3 Offences’ for the time periods requested to identify business type and amount. As there is an excess of 7,000 records per year, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of assistance, the following link will provide data by council, division and force by Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD) classification.

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

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 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 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.