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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## In each year since 2019-20, including the current year to date how many foreign language interpreters has this body employed?

I can advise you that Police Scotland does not hold the requested information. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, Police Scotland/Scottish Police Authority do not directly employ interpreters required for policing. Interpreting services are contracted to interpreting companies who provide appropriate interpreters on request.

## In each year since 2019-20, including the current year to date how much has this body spent on foreign language interpreters?

## In relation to Questions 1 and 2, could these answers further be broken down by language?

I have attached separately data providing the information requested.

Please note, 2025 relates to financial year 2024/25 (1st April 24 to 31st March 25) but we have provided the year to date figures.

For 2024, it would cover financial year 2023/24 (1st April 23 to 31st March 24) full year. The same for the previous years of information provided.

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).

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