| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 24-3014Responded to: xx December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## This is an information request relating to the costs associated with policing the direct action group, Palestine Action.

## Please provide the following cost information in relation to any protests organised by Palestine Action that have been held in Scotland between 30 July 2020 and the present day:

## ·       Opportunity cost

## ·       Overtime

## ·       Internal fleet

## ·       External fleet hire

## ·       Hotels

## ·       Catering

## ·       Infrastructure

## ·       Ad hoc

##  By protest, I am referring to marches, sit-ins and similar activities in public spaces. I am explicitly not asking about any criminal damage done to commercial, residential or government property.

I can advise you that Police Service of Scotland does not hold the information requested by you. 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 does not record the total costs involved for any specific policing operation.  The nature of policing means that officers are deployed to wherever their services are most required.  The number of officers required throughout an investigation will fluctuate throughout an enquiry and officers involved in a particular investigation or operation can be redeployed to other duties at any time.  To explain further, officers are drawn from different areas of the Service, based on their skillsets, with the appropriate Division meeting the cost of their core time.

As such detailed records are not held in relation to the number of officers deployed, or to detail the specific costs of any particular piece of work undertaken by them during the time period specified.

Furthermore there is no overarching cost code relating to protests organised by the Palestine Action group which may otherwise have provided some related information.

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.