| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-1734  Responded to: 22nd July 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1. The total number of car thefts reported in all car parks (public and private) within your police force area for the last five calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023).

## 2. The total number of car thefts reported in airport car parks within your police force area for the last five calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023), if applicable. This includes any private and public car parks that are predominantly used for long-stay and short-stay airport parking.

## 3. The total number of car thefts reported in train station car parks within your police force area for the last five calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023), if applicable. This includes any private and public car parks that are predominantly used for train station parking.

## 4. If possible, a breakdown of the make and model of all car thefts for the three above requests for the last five calendar years (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023).

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, we are unable to search for thefts by locus or by vehicles by make and model.

The only way to provide you with this information in an accurate and consistent manner would be to individually examine each motor vehicle theft crime report created on our systems to determine the locus and make and model of the vehicle invovled. Considering the numbers of incidents involved this is clearly an exercise which would exceed the cost limitations of the Act.

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.