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

## The number of private e-scooters seized by Grampian Police under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 due to no insurance, broken down by year for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Having considered these questions 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, there is no facility available on Police Scotland’s systems which allow for productions which have been seized to be searched by type, i.e. scooter/e-scooter/vehicle etc.

The only way to provide an accurate response to your request would be to carry out case by case assessment of all potentially relevant crimes, of which there would be thousands. A vehicle could be seized in relation to all manner of crime investigations i.e. Misuse of Drugs Act, Road Traffic Offences, Proceeds of Crime etc and as such each would have to be examined. To illustrate, even if we restrict the search to just road traffic offences, there were 4674 recorded offences of Dangerous Driving for the year 2023/24. As such this is an exercise which would far exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

You can access our published crime statistics via the following link:

<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](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.