| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2629  Responded to: 11 November 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## The last piece of correspondence between Police Scotland Chief Constable and the Scottish Government regarding Police Scotland staffing and recruitment concerns. The time range for this request would be whenever Police Scotland’s Chief Constable contacted the Scottish Government regarding Police Scotland staffing and recruitment concerns. Initial contact and replies would be appreciated.

In terms of Section 17 of the Act, I can confirm that the information you have requested is not held by Police Scotland.  
By way of explanation, there is no correspondence held between the Office of the Chief Constable and the Scottish Government regarding this matter.

I can advise that the Chief Constable attends regular, in person meetings with the Cabinet Secretary, the topic of staffing and recruitment has featured within these meetings. Police Scotland do not hold any minutes from these meetings.

You may wish to direct your request towards the Scottish Government who may be able to provide you with the requested 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](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.