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

This FOI request is a follow up from your previous request of 24-1743 where you asked:

**1. Number of arrests under the Public Order Act 2023 since May 2023, of individuals affiliated with the following groups: Extinction Rebellion, Ocean Rebellion, Coal Action Network, Right to Roam, Earth First, Youth Strike 4 Climate, Fridays 4 Future, Rising Tide, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), Burning Pink, Tree Defenders, Fossil Free, Just Stop Oil, Insulate Britain, HS2 Rebellion (or anti-HS2 protestors), or any other arrests associated with climate or environmental activism. I would like this list to be broken down by principle offence, event/location of arrest, and outcome of the arrest.**

**2. Number of arrests of individuals affiliated with the following groups: Extinction Rebellion, Ocean Rebellion, Coal Action Network, Right to Roam, Earth First, Youth Strike 4 Climate, Rising Tide, Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), Burning Pink, Tree Defenders, Fossil Free, Just Stop Oil, Insulate Britain, HS2 Rebellion (or anti-HS2 protestors), or any other arrests associated with climate or environmental activism since October 2018. I would also like a breakdown by principle offence, event/location of arrest, and outcome of the arrest.**

You have since asked:

## Would it be possible to receive the data you may be able to provide on individuals arrested and brought into police custody for this request?

Q1 – Please note that the Public Order Act does not extend to Scotland meaning the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

Q2 - 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.

To explain, we are unable to search custody systems based on links to protests / named groups.

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.