| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 23-0274  Responded to: 16th February 2023 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## Please provide me with the number of current outstanding arrest warrants – broken down by type of crime and date.

On the 28th January 2023, Police Scotland had 7,742 outstanding arrest warrants. Please see the table at the end of this document which provides a breakdown by offence type.

Please note that warrants data is held on a *live database* and as such, data is subject to change.

You will note that no dates have been provided and in accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

By way of explanation, to provide the date for each warrant, all 7,742 would require to be physically examined and the date extracted. If I was to use the example that it took 2 minutes to check each warrant then calculations show that for the time taken, the costs would be in excess of the £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under 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.

**Table 1: Outstanding Arrest Warrants by Offence type**

| **Offence** | **Total** |
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| Abduction | 8 |
| Air weapons | 2 |
| Animals | 20 |
| Assault | 1154 |
| Assault of Police | 79 |
| Bail Offences | 286 |
| Breach of the Peace | 822 |
| British Railway (MISC) Bye-L | 1 |
| Brothel/ Prostitution | 8 |
| Caught in Possession | 1 |
| Child Abandonment | 8 |
| Child Care Miscellaneous | 1 |
| Child Cruelty | 10 |
| Child Destruction | 1 |
| Coinage/ Counterfeiting | 2 |
| Company Fraud | 1 |
| Computer Offences | 1 |
| Copyright Offences | 1 |
| Criminal Procedure | 830 |
| Culpable Homicide | 1 |
| Deception | 6 |
| Domestic Abuse | 63 |
| Drink Offences | 8 |
| Drink Offences by Licensee | 1 |
| Driving whilst Disqualified | 64 |
| Drugs – Supply/ Use | 436 |
| Enclosed Premises/ Loitering | 35 |
| Escapes from Custody | 1 |
| Fail to comply with conditions | 3 |
| False Documentation or Statements | 14 |
| Firearms – Criminal Use | 1 |
| Firearms – Possession | 12 |
| Firearms – Regulatory | 1 |
| Fireraising | 10 |
| Forgery | 13 |
| Forgery (Road Traffic Act) | 2 |
| Fraud | 123 |
| Gross Indecency | 68 |
| Harassment | 3 |
| Human Trafficking | 1 |
| Immigration/ Aliens Offences | 4 |
| Importing Animals | 4 |
| Indecent Exposure | 8 |
| Malicious & Reckless Conduct | 98 |
| Minor | 24 |
| Minor Road Traffic Offences | 1208 |
| Misc | 813 |
| Misc. Offences relating to Pol/Court/Prison | 98 |
| Miscellaneous Drug Legislation | 15 |
| Murder | 10 |
| NPF | 39 |
| Obscene Publications | 7 |
| Offensive Weapon | 176 |
| Perverting the Course of Justice | 43 |
| Poaching | 1 |
| Post Office/ Telecommunications Offences | 30 |
| Protection of Aircraft | 1 |
| Racial/ Religious Hatred | 28 |
| Rape | 36 |
| Reset | 15 |
| Rioting | 1 |
| Robbery | 1 |
| Scotland – Minor Offences | 9 |
| Sex Offender Registration | 10 |
| Sexual Aggravator (Scotland) | 77 |
| Smuggling | 3 |
| Taking/ Interfering with Conveyance | 32 |
| Theft | 654 |
| Theft by Housebreaking | 161 |
| Theft of Public Utilities | 3 |
| Threats | 18 |
| Trade Disputes | 1 |
| Trespass | 1 |
| Unlawful Sexual Intercourse | 3 |
| Uttering | 1 |
| Wasting Police Time | 7 |
| **Total** | **7742** |