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

## All correspondence between Police Scotland and outside people/bodies regarding Nicola Sturgeon and Operation Koper?

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, this request is too wide to collate data within the timescales prescribed under the Act. If we only considered Police Scotland’s Executive team, then for each individual, we would require to search, at a minimum, the e-mail address in their name and one for their business area. At present there are 19 members of the Executive team, however, we would also have to consider everyone who was a member of the Executive within the time frame specified and who have now resigned or retired.

In addition anyone who has worked on Operation Koper would also have to be contacted and searches completed and, technically to consider your request in its widest form all police divisions would have to be contacted to establish if they have received any correspondence.

We have assessed that this would take a considerable amount of time and would be in excess of the £600 and 40 hours 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 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 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.