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

How much did the force spend on legal fees for misconduct investigations over the past financial year from April 2023 to March 2024?

I have interpreted misconduct investigations as being misconduct investigations in relation to police officers in terms of the Police Service of Scotland (Conduct) Regulations 2014.

I must advise you that such investigations are conducted by the Professional Standards Department and do not incur any legal fees.

On that basis I can confirm that Police Scotland has no record of any legal fees having been incurred in respect of misconduct investigations during the period April 2023 to March 2024 and therefore Section 17 (Information Not Held) applies.

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.