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

**Could you please share information on the number of 'piggybacking' (establishing a wireless Internet connection by using another subscriber's wireless Internet access) offences recorded in the last five years (2018-23), broken down by the number of convictions each year?**

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 carried out a search using the two crime classifications we believe would be potentially relevant to your request:

* Section 125 of the Communications Act 2003 - SGJD 84/002
* Section 1 of the Computer Misuse Act - SGJD 84/006

Unfortunately, there are over a thousand crime reports over the past 5 years using the above classifications and therefore, it would cost well over the cost threshold set out within the Act to go through each over these reports to assess for relevance to your request.

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.