| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-2916  Responded to: xx December 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## By way of background, I should state that my Freedom of Information request concerns the Northern Constabulary investigation into the murder of Shamsuddin Mahmood at the Mumutaz Indian Restaurant in Kirkwall on June 2, 1994, and a cold case review that was undertaken in 2006-7. I would like to request some information about pro forma questionaries which were used to gather evidence from residents in Kirkwall (and perhaps elsewhere) in the first weeks of the investigation.

**I would first like to request either a blank copy of the pro forma questionnaire, or a complete list of all the questions and requests for information that are included in it.**

Attached is a copy of the house to house questionnaire, and personal descriptive form (pdf) which was utilised during the investigation.

Please note this was the only version of the questionnaire found during our research but it is not possible to say whether any other forms may have been used at that time.

**Secondly, how many of these house-to-house enquiry questionnaires were completed during the course of the investigation?**

According to HOLMES research, there were 2354 house to house questionnaires completed.

**Thirdly, please provide a complete list of the streets from which officers gathered this information.**

According to HOLMES research, all dwellinghouses, commercial premises, Hotels, Public Houses, etc. in the Kirkwall area were to form part of house to house enquiries.

## Fourthly, I would like to request the questionnaire filled in by/for the late Diana Mary Elizabeth Esson Grant who was, at the time of the murder, a resident of No. 25, The Quadrant, Kirkwall. Mrs Grant passed away in 2018 at the age of 82. If it helps identify this document, the house-to-house enquiries in The Quadrant were carried out by a PC Michael James Harper, at some point between in June, 1994.

Our search has established that we do not hold a completed questionnaire which relates to or was completed by the late Diana Mary Elizabeth Esson Grant.

On that basis section 17 of the Act applies and I can confirm that the information sought is not held by Police Scotland.

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.