

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2015-1138



Sir Stephen House QPM  
Chief Constable

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

**-How much was spent policing the procession and funeral of Sheku Bayoh in Kirkcaldy on Sunday June 7?**

**-Please list all resources used, for example, but not limited to - the number of staff(and their rank), vehicles etc.**

Please note there was no cost incurred to policing the procession as the officers were already scheduled to work, although this was outwith their normal duties.

The following officers were deployed for 3 hours:

RANK	NUMBER	Cost per hour (inc VAT)	ROLE	TOTAL
Inspector	1	£66	With Procession	£198
Sergeant	2	£70.80	1 with procession, 1 Police Liaison Officer	£424.80
Constable	17	£58.80	3 with procession, 2 Police Liaison Officers, 5 Police Motorcyclists, 7 Traffic Points	£2,998.80
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£3,621.60</b>

**-Were Police Scotland approached by family or their representatives (please specify which) to supply officers and services for the funeral, or was it a decision taken by the force?**

The decision to police the funeral procession was taken by Police Scotland to ensure its safe passage, given that it was taking place on public roads and if required, to allow and monitor peaceful protest.

**-Were Police Scotland in contact with the family or representatives (please specify which) prior to, during or after the funeral/procession to discuss their involvement? If so, what was said.**

The Inspector in charge of operations met with the family prior to the event and discussed their plans for the funeral. This meeting was not recorded but covered the method of policing the route and the aspect of using police vehicles to ensure a safe passage for all those attending. Police Liaison officers were assigned to the procession on the day to ensure that the family/organisers had a single point of contact on the day to provide reassurance and timely information if required.

Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0131 311 3901 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance, and within 40 working days of receiving this response, to request a review of the decision. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; FOI Central Processing Unit, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH - [foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. Contact details are; Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS - [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely,

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