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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
SUBJECT: POLICE OFFICER TRAINING

I refer to your email dated 12 January 2015 regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). I will answer your questions in turn:

- 1. How much does it cost to train one police officer?*
- 2. How much of that is spent on training provided at the Scottish Police College at Tulliallan?*

For each Officer a cost of £9,059 relates to 12 weeks spent at Tulliallan. Beyond this period any training, whilst in the operational field, has not been costed and section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, information not held applies.

- 3. How many officers/recruits have begun their training since the formation of Police Scotland in April 2013?*



There have been a total of 1,238 new recruits to Police Scotland up to 31 March 2014, 1,220 of whom have undergone initial training at the Scottish Police College. The remaining 18 are transferees who will not undergo training.

4. How many of those recruits have left the force without finishing the standard two year training/probationary period?

Based on the figures provided in Q3, 41 Police Scotland recruits have subsequently left.

5. How many of those recruits have left the force within 3 months of completing the initial training at the Scottish Police College at Tulliallan?

Of the 1,220 recruits, 10 individuals left having completed three months of training.

I trust that the information available is of assistance and should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me 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 letter to request a review of the decision made by the Service. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH. (Or email foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

Once informed of the review decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. The contact details are: Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610. 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.

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Yours sincerely

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