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Dear I Hudson,

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002 (FOISA)

Thank you for your request dated 4th March under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

Your request

You asked 'How many prosecutions took place in 2018 for the use of a drone to commit a criminal offence? These are crimes that would typically be prosecuted using the Air Navigation Order legislation.'

Response to your request

Our records show there were no prosecutions under sections 94, 94A, 94B, 95 or 241 of The Air Navigation Order 2016 during 2017-18.

Information from the Scottish Government Criminal Proceedings database is published on a financial year basis and relates to proceedings that have concluded in Scottish courts. The latest available data is for 2017-18, information for 2018-19 will be available early next year following publication of our statistical bulletin 'Criminal Proceedings in Scotland, 2018-19'.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by writing to Gillian Russell, Area 1R, St Andrews House, Regent Road, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG or via email to gillian.russell@gov.scot. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made within 40 working days from the date when you received this letter. We will complete the review and tell you the result, within 20 working days from the date when we receive your review request.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. More detailed information on your appeal rights is available on the

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Commissioner's website at: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

Yours sincerely

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