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Dear Mr Gray

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER 0127/2013

I refer to your request for information dated 12 February 2013, which was received by Strathclyde Police on that date. Please accept my apologies for the short delay in responding.

Please could you supply details for Glasgow International, Prestwick, Islay, Campbeltown, Tiree and Oban airport grounds relating to incidents such as (but not limited to) thefts, assaults, criminal damage, panic alarm activation, sexual offences, motor vehicle offences, fraud, drug offences, violent disorder, suicide attempts and psychiatric, firearms, aircraft emergencies etc?

Could this be provided for the last 5 years?

Could the details be broken down into date, time, nature of incident (i.e. assault), descriptive of the incident or extract from the call input (i.e. male assaulted in customs, attacker detained by security), location (i.e. car park, customs etc), and call grading (i.e. immediate).

Please note, omit any incident groups that would breech FOI but state which groups have been omitted. If details cannot be released due to the identification of a person, please release as much detail as possible. If cost of providing information for 5 years exceeds the FOI limit, please supply incidents starting from the most recent to the furthest back as possible.

All incidents which come to the attention of the Force are recorded on the Force's incident management system, STORM. An incident may well not involve recourse to formal criminal proceedings, individuals report varying matters to the police, some of which allege criminality, and others merely report observations. All such calls are recorded on STORM as an incident; however, the recorded incident does not always result in a corresponding recorded crime.

If it is deemed that a criminal offence has been committed a crime or offence is recorded on the Force Crime Management system and a crime report raised. Accordingly, there are two separate processes for the recording of incidents and crimes

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In relation to incidents recorded at the 6 airports specified, I would advise that there is no electronic search on STORM that would extract all the requested information. To provide the requested information a total of 28,888 individual incidents would require to be physically examined. Such a task would take in excess of the £600 prescribed by the Scottish Ministers under the Act and in accordance with Sections 12(1) (Excessive cost of compliance) and 16(4) (Refusal of request) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (the Act), this letter represents a Refusal Notice.

As previously stated, if it is deemed a criminal offence has been committed this is recorded on the Force Crime Management system, a crime report is raised and the crime is classified using the Scottish Government Justice Department (SGJD) crime classification.

In this instance, to be of assistance I have provided a table which includes crimes which were extracted from the Crime Management system where 'AIRPORT' was included in the 'locus line'. This information was then further refined by removing any crime which occurred on the main roads and motorways near to the airports and also those which occurred in hotels located near to the airport but which used the airport address in the locus. Finally, I would ask that you note that the crime summary does include crimes which occurred on board an aircraft en route to the named airports and crimes which may have occurred abroad but were reported at the airport on arrival.

I hope this information is helpful, however, if you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance to request a review of the decision made by the Force. Should you wish to request such a review, please write to Mrs Sheena Brennan, Information Manager at the above address within 40 working days of receiving this letter. Once informed of the Review Panel's decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are 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, telephone 01334 464610. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Strathclyde Police.

Should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me directly on 0141 435 1262 quoting the reference number given.

Yours sincerely

Lorna Grieve Freedom of Information Officer