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Dear Mr Paterson

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**  
**SUBJECT: POLICE OFFICER – RELIGIOUS BREAKDOWN**

I refer to your email dated 26/02/2015 requesting an internal review in relation to the response dated 26/02/2015 which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

**QUESTION**

There was no issue in providing the information of the religion of new uniformed entrants. Can you confirm that in the period that I have requested the information that over 1000 uniformed police officers have joined Police Scotland and hence the cost being over £600 to provide the information?

If there is some error on your part please provide the information. If not please break the request down for the first 4 months of 2014 for the religion of new uniformed entrants.

**RESPONSE**

The Internal Review was conducted by Supt Philip MacRae, Contact, Command & Control, North Division.

A further system search was required to be undertaken in order to provide you with the information you requested within the FOISA cost regulations, as noted in the tables below.

Please note; the Religion/Religious Belief recorded on Police Scotland systems relates to the information provided by each individual staff member.

**REGULAR OFFICERS**

<b>RELIGION/BELIEF</b>	
Church of Scotland	172
Roman Catholic	123
Other Christian	15
Buddist	0
Hindu	0
Muslim	1
Jewish	1
Sikh	1
Other	1
No religion or belief	473
Form not returned	120
Not disclosed	31
Total	938

**SPECIAL CONSTABLES**

<b>RELIGION/BELIEF</b>	
Church of Scotland	26
Roman Catholic	11
Other Christian	3
Buddist	0
Hindu	0
Muslim	0
Jewish	0
Sikh	0
Other	0
No religion or belief	67
Form not returned	8
Not disclosed	2
Total	117

**POLICE STAFF**

<b>RELIGION/BELIEF</b>	
Church of Scotland	49
Roman Catholic	10
Other Christian	3
Buddist	1
Hindu	0
Muslim	1
Jewish	0
Sikh	0
Other	0
No religion or belief	58
Form not returned	39
Not disclosed	16
Total	177

I trust that the information available is of assistance and should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me on 01463 720555 quoting the reference number given.

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.

Yours sincerely

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