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Dear Lyle

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
SUBJECT: ARRESTS AT CUP FINAL

I refer to your email dated 7th April regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

QUESTION

Can you please advise how many arrests have been made and attributed to the Scottish Challenge Football Cup, currently the Ramsdens Cup final, each year for the last ten years?

RESPONSE

Events such as this football fixture result in an incident being created on the 'command and control' system, with a summary being added to the incident at the closure of the event. The following information has been recorded within this summary in relation to the number of arrests made in the years in question:

06/07: McDairmid Park – 1 arrest in the stadium (4,062 in attendance)
07/08: Dens Park, Dundee – No arrests in the stadium, two arrests outside the stadium (5,446 in attendance)
08/09: McDairmid Park – No arrests (4,032 in attendance)
09/10: McDairmid Park – 1 arrest in the stadium (8,031 in attendance)
10/11: McDairmid Park – No arrests (4,078 in attendance)
11/12: Almondvale, Livingston – 1 arrest in the stadium (5,210 in attendance)
12/13: Almondvale – 1 arrest in the stadium (9,452 in attendance)
13/14: Easter Road, Edinburgh – 9 arrests in the stadium. Please note that a further 11 arrests occurred pre-match following a disturbance in the Grassmarket, and another three arrests occurred in the area surrounding the stadium during the dispersal process. (19,983 in attendance).

Please note that the information for the 04/05 and 05/06 season is no longer held, and Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 is therefore applied.

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 Force. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Service of Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, 173 Pitt Street, Glasgow, G2 4JS. (Or email xxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xxxxxx.xx)

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. Contact details are; 'Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS', telephone 01334 464610.

Yours sincerely

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