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Via email

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Dear Mr Hill,

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 27th May 2014 in which you requested the following:

- 1) Should a party litigant be presented with a complaint signed by the procurator fiscal to commence criminal proceedings?*
- 2) How long before the commencement of proceedings should a party litigant have the complaint?*

Scottish Court Service (SCS) does not hold the information that you seek and as a result your request have been refused in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

It may be that the Crown and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS) can assist you and I have attached the address for the Crown Office as well as links to their website pages on both FOIs and contact details which are as follows:

The Crown Office,
25 Chambers Street,
Edinburgh
EH1 1LA

From a landline, you can phone 0844 561 3000
From a mobile, you can phone 01389 739 557
Email: EnquiryPoint@copfs.gsi.gov.uk

Website pages: <http://www.copfs.gov.uk/foi/foi> and <http://www.copfs.gov.uk/contact-us>

I hope you find this information of assistance. However should you feel dissatisfied with this decision or the manner in which your request has been handled, the Act provides for a review process to be conducted. Should you wish to take advantage of this process you may apply in writing for a review. Your request should provide details of why you wish a review to be carried out and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter to:

The Freedom of Information Officer
Scottish Court Service Headquarters
Saughton House - Spur N1
Broomhouse Drive
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foi@scotcourts.gov.uk

Following that review should you still feel dissatisfied, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Scottish Information Commissioner at the following address:-

Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St. Andrews
FIFE
KY16 9DS

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ella Ritchie', enclosed within a simple oval outline.

Ella Ritchie
Correspondence Officer