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Dear P Mackie,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**  
**SUBJECT: Vandalism at Manor Park Police Station**

I refer to your email dated 9th March 2014, regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

I have repeated your request below for ease of reference;

- 1) The number of vandalised vehicles near Manor Park Police Station, Aberdeen, specifically vehicles which are the private vehicles of Police Officers. Please provide details since 1 January 2013.**
- 2) Provide details of how many of the crimes have been detected.**

9 Police vehicles and 8 private vehicles belonging to Police officers have been damaged at or near Manor Park Police Station since January 2013.

All of these crimes have been detected resulting in at least one person being charged.

- 3) The total estimated damage to such vehicles.**

Police Scotland are not responsible for providing insurance to cover the use or storage of officers private vehicles and do not do so. As such the cost of repairing them is met by officers themselves directly or through their personal insurance policies with associated costs relating to their policy excess. Therefore, the estimated

cost of damage to the private vehicles of Police officers cannot be considered for disclosure as it is not held in terms of section 17 (1) (b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – information not held.

The total estimated cost of damage to Police vehicles is £609.43. However, the Force has not yet received the invoice for repairing the damage to one Police vehicle damaged recently.

**4) Provide copies of any emails sent by Aberdeen Command Officers on the topic, specifically any emails offering advice and support to staff.**

Given the nature and volume of these incidents, there have been a large number of emails between command officers, frontline officers and other staff on this issue.

It is difficult to know exactly which officers will have exchanged emails on the topic; therefore a large number would have to be asked to check their mailboxes. One officer alone has over 430 emails on the topic; therefore the total volume is likely to be significant

Given that these emails relate to the incidents of vandalism, details of the car owners, where they are private vehicles will be included. As the emails will therefore need redaction to make them suitable for release into the public domain, the time needed to undertake this task, including the initial gathering of the relevant emails will be significant

The task would significantly exceed the cost limits stipulated in the Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure) (Scotland) Regulations, 2004 and, consequently, we are not in a position to undertake this work for you, in terms of Section 12 of the Act – Excessive cost of compliance.

**5) Provide details of any scheme or plan put in place by Police Scotland to assist Officers with meeting the cost of any repairs.**

Currently no scheme or plan is in the place.

**6) Confirm if local officers are responsible for investigating each other's reports, or if indeed the spate of crimes have been allocated to a dedicated unit for action.**

Officers from the local Manor Park Police Office, neighbouring Community Policing Teams and the former Vandalism Unit and the Alcohol and Violence Reduction Unit have all responded to these reports and contributed to the investigation.

Over time a number of strategies have been put in place, which have been varied to meet the specific circumstances and operational demands.

Officers have not investigated damage to their own personal vehicles.

I trust that the information available is of assistance and should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me on (01224) 305085 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 [foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk))

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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