



## LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

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### Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

#### Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 7 May, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

"A wide load, escorted by police officers / vehicles and civilian staff / vehicles transited the A9 Dual Carriageway between the roundabout with the (B824, B8033, A9 and M9) at Dublane and the roundabout with the (A9, M90) at Perth a distance of 26.1 miles, travelling at a speeds between 10mph and 20mph, at approximate 1pm on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024. Quadrupling a typically 13 Minute journey to approximately 1 Hour.

I write under the Act detailed above to obtain all information held by the Scottish Police Authority / Police Scotland, relating to pre-action decision making, impact assessment, commercial arrangements and operational aspects.

Including but not limited to:

- The nature of Asset being Transported Commercial or Governmental.
- The contact details of the owner of the Asset being transported.
- The contact detail of the operator of the Wide Load Vehicle / Support Vehicle(s).
- The rank, department, region of the officer who made the decision to allow the load to be transported during weekday, business hours.
- The number of officers, vehicles, etc engaged in escorting the convoy.
- The fees levied by Police Scotland for escort duties
- The Police Scotland Policies and Procedures applicable to the escorting and transportation of wide loads.
- The impact assessments undertaken Environmental, Public, Traffic, Etc
- The number of vehicles caught up in the following traffic jam.

- The traffic jam length
- The time taken for the wide load to transit the above named route.
- The time taken for the traffic to disperse
- The impact on other roads, before, during and after the wide load convoy.
- The Police Scotland Policies and Procedures for the calling of Police Officers as witnesses in a Civil Action.

## **Response**

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request for information and is able to provide the following.

The Scottish Police Authority does not hold the information requested.<sup>1</sup>

The Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland and does not hold information on operational policing matters.

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at [foi@scotland.police.uk](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk)

You may also be interested in information on Police Scotland's website about [moving an abnormal load](#).

## **Right to Review**

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you can ask us to review our response. If you want us to carry out a review, please let us know within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request to [foi@spa.police.uk](mailto:foi@spa.police.uk) or by letter to Scottish Police Authority, 1 Pacific Quay, Glasgow, G51 1DZ.

If you remain dissatisfied after review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply [online](#), by email to [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter to Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Commissioner's decision, you can appeal to the Court of Session, only if you think the law has not been applied correctly.

This response will be posted to our [Disclosure Log](#) after seven days.

Yours faithfully

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<sup>1</sup> This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

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