

## LETTER SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

29 January 2025

FOI Ref 2024/25-100R

## Request

On 10 January you made a request for information to the Scottish Police Authority. In response to your request the Authority advised that it did not hold the information.

On 14 January you asked the Authority to review this decision.

## Response

The Scottish Police Authority has considered your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act (FOISA).

The decision has been reviewed by an independent reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

We can confirm that the original decision is upheld for the following reason.

The Authority issued a refusal notice to you on 13 January 2025 in terms of section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA"), advising that the information is not held by the Authority.

I can confirm that the Authority does not hold the information requested by you.

As stated in the original response, the Shetland Islands are considered a part of Scotland with regard to the role and responsibilities discharged by the Authority (and by association Police Scotland which polices the Shetland Islands).

In addition, the Authority notes that Shetland is a constituency of the Scottish Parliament.

In accordance with the Authority's duty to provide advice and assistance, you may wish to note that the Advocate General for Scotland is one of the Law Officers of the Crown, whose duty it is to advise the Crown and His Majesty's Government on matters relating to Scots law.

You may therefore wish to re-direct your request for information to the Advocate General for Scotland at the following address:

Office of the Advocate General for Scotland Room A5.11 Queen Elizabeth House Edinburgh EH8 8FT

enquiries@advocategeneral.gov.uk

## **Right to Review**

If you remain dissatisfied, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months. You can apply <u>online</u>, by email to <u>enquiries@foi.scot</u> 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 <u>Disclosure Log</u> after seven days.

Yours faithfully

**Scottish Police Authority**