



## LETTER SENT BY E-MAIL ONLY

14 August 2024

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### Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

#### Request

Please find below our response to your correspondence dated 1 August, in which you made the following request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Subsequent to your letter I now request media information relating to Operation Branchform currently held by the SPA. I also request any correspondence, reports, information or data which considered media reporting of Operation Branchform.

#### Response

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

Media information held relating to Operation Branchform is summarised in **Appendix 1**. This shows the results of a search carried out in our media monitoring platform using keywords 'Operation Branchform' and 'Branchform'. All articles listed are otherwise accessible in the publications specified.<sup>1</sup>

No correspondence, reports, information or data which considered media reporting of Operation Branchform is held.<sup>2</sup>

#### Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a

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<sup>1</sup> This represents a notice in terms of Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - where information is already available, there is no need to provide an alternative right of access to it through FOISA.

<sup>2</sup> This represents a notice in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email 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@foi.scot](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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

**SPA Corporate Management**



## Appendix 1

# Monitoring Return

Custom search: 8 August 2024

Results covering last 90-days

Search keywords: "Operation Branchform" "Branchform"

**0 article** of 45

### **The most distorted election result in history risks leading SNP astray**

The Scotsman

12/07/2024, 01:0006:38

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### **How Labour tried to gag The National with £30k legal threat**

The National (Scotland)

30/06/2024, 01:0006:38

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### **Murrell charges span 7 years**

The Daily Telegraph

24/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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### **EUAN MCCOLM: Honest John heroically returned to steady the SNP's sinking ship - this morning, he may regret having answered his colleagues' call**

Mail Online UK (Web)

22/05/2024, 01:0107:38

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### **Honest John heroically returned to steady the SNP's sinking ship - this morning, he may regret answering his colleagues' call**

Daily Mail (Scotland)

23/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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### **Nicola Sturgeon insists resignation before Operation **Branchform** arrests was "coincidence of timing"**

DailyRecord.co.uk (Web)

20/05/2024, 12:1307:38

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### **Nicola Sturgeon insists resignation before Operation **Branchform** arrests was "coincidence of timing"**

Yahoo! UK and Ireland (Web)

21/05/2024, 01:0207:38

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### **Rapist Aberdeen DJ sentenced to seven years after 'harrowing' attack on student**

Herald Scotland Online

15/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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### ****Branchform** findings 'due in weeks', says Scots police chief**

The Herald

14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Report on probe into SNP finances soon**

News Letter (Belfast)  
14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Detectives investigating SNP finances will submit Murrell report 'in matter of weeks'**

The Daily Telegraph (Scotland)  
14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Scotland's police chief emerges from shadows-but leaves questions unanswered over SNP inquiry**

The Daily Telegraph Online  
14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Police report into SNP finances 'released soon'**

Morning Star  
14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Crown will get SNP probe file in 'weeks'**

Aberdeen Evening Express  
14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Just weeks to go for SNP cop findings**

Daily Record  
14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Police case on SNP finances with prosecutors 'in weeks'**

i (The paper for today)  
14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Police report on SNP finance investigation expected 'in weeks'**

Press and Journal  
14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Crown will get SNP probe file in 'weeks'**

Evening Telegraph (Dundee)  
14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Scotland is all ears for a law enforcement chief yet to find her voice**

The Daily Telegraph (Scotland)  
15/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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## **Police report on SNP finance probe expected 'in a matter of weeks'**

Surrey Comet (Web)  
13/05/2024, 08:3107:38

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## **Police report on SNP finance probe expected 'in a matter of weeks'**

North West Evening Mail (Web)  
13/05/2024, 06:2207:38

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**Operation **Branchform** report handed to prosecutors 'within weeks' as police chief addresses 'political sensitivities'**

Daily Express (Web)  
13/05/2024, 09:2307:38  
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**Operation **Branchform**: Police to submit report to prosecutors 'in a matter of weeks'**

Herald Scotland Online  
13/05/2024, 01:0007:38  
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**Police report on SNP finance probe expected 'in a matter of weeks'**

Welwyn and Hatfield Times (Web)  
13/05/2024, 05:1007:38  
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**SNP embezzlement probe to be with prosecutors within weeks**

Morning Star Online (Web)  
13/05/2024, 16:3907:38  
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**Police to report on SNP probe 'in weeks'**

Daily Express (Scotland)  
14/05/2024, 01:0007:38  
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**SNP finance probe file into Nicola Sturgeon's husband will be handed to prosecutors 'in a matter of weeks': Scotland's police chief does not rule out more charges being laid by detectives investigating party's use of donations**

Mail Online UK (Web)  
13/05/2024, 01:0107:38  
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**Police report on SNP finance probe expected 'in a matter of weeks'**

Herald Scotland Online  
13/05/2024, 01:0007:38  
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**Police report on SNP finance probe expected 'in a matter of weeks'**

Keighley News (Web)  
13/05/2024, 06:2807:38  
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**Police report on SNP finance probe expected 'in a matter of weeks'**

Alloa & Hillfoots Advertiser (Web)  
13/05/2024, 06:2807:38  
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**Police report on SNP finance probe expected 'in a matter of weeks'**

Stirling News (Web)  
13/05/2024, 07:0507:38  
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**Police report on SNP finance probe expected 'in a matter of weeks'**

Basildon Evening Echo (Web)  
13/05/2024, 05:2507:38  
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**Police report about Nicola Sturgeon's husband to be sent to prosecutors 'within weeks'**

The Daily Telegraph Online  
13/05/2024, 01:0007:38  
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**Police report on SNP finance probe expected 'in a matter of weeks'**

Borehamwood Times (Web)

13/05/2024, 06:2807:38

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**Report 'in weeks' on SNP finance probe**

The Courier (Main Edition)

14/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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**Police report on SNP finance probe expected 'in a matter of weeks'**

NewsChain (Web)

13/05/2024, 07:1907:38

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**Police Scotland's chief constable: SNP finance probe heading to prosecutors 'within weeks'**

Q Radio (Web)

12/05/2024, 23:5507:38

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**EXCLUSIVE: Scottish police chief: My fight to save the thin blue line**

Mail Online UK (Web)

13/05/2024, 01:0107:38

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**Police Scotland's chief constable: SNP finance probe heading to prosecutors 'within weeks'**

Sky News (Web)

13/05/2024, 00:5407:38

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**Police Scotland's chief constable: SNP finance probe heading to prosecutors 'within weeks'**

Vibe 107.6 FM (Web)

12/05/2024, 23:1307:38

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**Crown to get Murrell report 'in weeks'**

Daily Mail (Scotland)

13/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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**Police Scotland's chief constable: SNP finance probe heading to prosecutors 'within weeks'**

MKFM (Web)

13/05/2024, 00:2907:38

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**BIG MOVE Operation **Branchform** cops poised to submit report on SNP finance probe within weeks**

Scottish Sun Online

13/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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**Failing mental health service and courts overwhelm police, says Scottish chief**

The Guardian.com (Web)

13/05/2024, 01:1807:38

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**Mental health and court failures 'overwhelming Scottish police force'**

The Guardian

13/05/2024, 01:0007:38

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