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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Please note that the information was collated by our Armed Policing Department and also our Training Management Department, therefore, it has been necessary to respond to each of your questions in 2 parts.

Armed Policing Response:

With regards to question 1 by 'deployed', the interpretation has been made that you mean used i.e. drawn, aimed etc., and not fired, therefore, we can respond as follows.

2014/2015									
Scotland	Not Stated	Drawn	Aimed	Red Dot	Arced	Fired	Drive Stun	Angle Mode	TOTAL
1.4.14 - 30.6.14		6		5		1			12
1.7.14 - 30.9.14		4	4	1		4		1	14
1.10.14 - 31.12.14		1	4	3		1			9
1.1.15 - 31.03.15		2	2	8		2	1		15
TOTAL		13	10	17	0	8	1	1	50

2015/2016									
Scotland	Not Stated	Drawn	Aimed	Red Dot	Arced	Fired	Drive Stun	Angle Mode	TOTAL
1.4.15 - 30.6.15		2		3					5
1.7.15 - 30.9.15		2		1					3
1.10.15 - 31.12.15				1					1
1.1.16 - 31.03.16		1		3					4
TOTAL		5	0	8	0	0	0	0	13

2016/2017									
Scotland	Not Stated	Drawn	Aimed	Red Dot	Arced	Fired	Drive Stun	Angle Mode	TOTAL
1.4.16 - 30.6.16		1	1	8					10
1.7.16 - 30.9.16		3				1			4
1.10.16 - 31.12.16		3		1					4
1.1.17 - 31.03.17		4		5					9
TOTAL		11	1	14	0	1	0	0	27

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2017/2018									
Scotland	Not Stated	Drawn	Aimed	Red Dot	Arced	Fired	Drive Stun	Angle Mode	TOTAL
1.4.17 - 30.6.17		6	2	5		1			14
1.7.17 - 30.9.17		3	5	4					12
1.10.17 - 31.12.17		4	1	8		2			15
1.1.18 - 31.03.18		9		15					24
TOTAL		22	8	32	0	3	0	0	65

2018/2019									
Scotland	Not Stated	Drawn	Aimed	Red Dot	Arced	Fired	Drive Stun	Angle Mode	TOTAL
1.4.18 - 30.6.18		12	5	7		2			26
1.7.18 - 30.9.18		3		8		2	1		14
1.10.18 - 31.12.18		2	2	23		1			28
1.1.19 - 31.03.19		3	1	8					12
TOTAL		20	8	46	0	5	1	0	80

We are unable to provide any information on the Financial Year 19/20 as it is not complete as of yet.

In terms of Local Authority areas, both Armed Policing and the Training Management Department do not record their data in this format. In terms of Section 17(1) of the Act this is a formal notice that information is not held in this format and we are not obliged to create new information for the purposes of responding to a request.

Training Management Department

1) The number of incidents in which Tasers were deployed over the last five years.

Please break this number down by year and local authority area.

Police Scotland Specially Trained Officers used Taser 440 times over the last 5 years.

2018 - 184 times
2019 - 256 times

2) The number of occasions in which Tasers were fired over the last five years.

Please break this number down by year and local authority area.

Police Scotland Specially Trained Officers discharged Taser 45 times over the last 5 years.

2018 - 18 times
2019 - 27 times

Specially Trained Officers in Police Scotland commenced in 2018 as such there were no uses or discharges for the previous 3 years.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - GLASGOW on 01786 895864 quoting the reference number given.

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If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions. Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision.

You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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