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LETTER SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

14 August 2025

FOI Ref 2025/26-047

Request

Your request for information dated 23 July 2025 is copied below.

The below request is similar to a previous FOI request I made, but I now realise that my wording was imprecise, and a new FOI is needed. Apologies for any inconvenience.

1. In 2024-25 and 2025-26, how many employees from this public body were given permission to work from outside the UK, or worked outside the UK with this public body's knowledge?
2. In relation to Q1, please provide as much detail as possible on what country they were working in and what duration of time they were in another country.

Response

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

The Authority can confirm that some information is held in relation to your request.

The Authority's Remote Access/Working Security Policy and Procedure requires prior authorisation to take and use portable electronic work devices overseas.

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The Authority includes SPA Corporate and Forensic Services. Information on authorisations for employees from March 2024 to July 2025 is provided below.

| SPA Corporate/ Forensic Services | Dates | Destination |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Forensic Services | 27/01/2025 - 07/02/2025 | Isle of Man |
| Forensic Services | 24/02/2025 - 24/03/2025 | Isle of Man |
| Forensic Services | 25/05/2025 | Dublin |

The Authority has a Board, made up of members who are publicly appointed by Scottish Ministers. Members are not employees but must adhere to the above policy and procedure if they require to use an SPA device for Authority business while overseas. To assist, information on authorisations for Members from March 2024 to July 2025 is provided below.

In the instances below, authorisation was for use of a mobile device only.

| Dates | Destination |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 27/03/2024 - 29/04/2024 | Buenos Aries, Argentina |
| 28/03/2025 - 30/04/2025 | Buenos Aries, Argentina |
| 20/03/2025 - 23/03/2025 | France |
| 19/06/2025 - 24/06/2025 | Barcelona |
| 29/06/2025 - 10/07/205 | Lanzarote |

Right to Review

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request you can ask for a review within 40 working days. You must specify the reason for your dissatisfaction and submit your request by email to 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 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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