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LETTER SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

7 August 2025

FOI Ref 2025/26-056

Request

Your request for information dated 6 August 2025 is copied below.

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide information held by your force regarding the procurement and use of Plasan Sandcat Tigris armoured vehicles (including any variant referred to as "Sandcat").

- 1. Procurement activity (October 2023 present)
- a) The number of Sandcat Tigris (or Sandcat variant) vehicles ordered.
- b) The number of such vehicles delivered and currently held by the force.
- c) Please confirm explicitly if no such vehicles have been ordered, delivered, or are planned for purchase.
- 2. Operational status
- a) Of any vehicles acquired, how many are available for deployment?
- b) How many are not available for deployment (for example, undergoing modifications, repair, or awaiting approval)?

If you consider releasing this information to be exempt under Section 31 (Law Enforcement) or any other FOIA exemption, please still release all other requested information and provide your reasoning and the outcome of the public interest test.

- 3. Financial expenditure
- a) The total cost (including VAT and any associated modifications, fittings, or logistics) for all Sandcat Tigris (or Sandcat variant) vehicles purchased in the above period.
- b) If vehicles were ordered but payment is not yet complete, please confirm the current status of payments.
- 4. Supplier/ procurement route

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- a) For each purchase, please confirm whether it was made directly from Plasan Sasa Ltd or via the UK distributor Ricardo UK Ltd.
- b) If supplier details are considered exempt under Section 43 (commercial interests) or Section 31 (law enforcement), please still release all other requested information and explain the exemption applied, including the public interest test outcome.

Response

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

The Authority does not hold the information requested.¹

The Authority provides governance and oversight of policing in Scotland and does not hold information on operational policing matters.²

Information may be available by contacting Police Scotland at foi@scotland.police.uk

You may also wish to refer to Police Scotland's Disclosure Log.

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 <u>Disclosure Log</u> after seven days.

Yours faithfully

Scottish Police Authority

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

² Scottish Police Authority - What We Do