

Our Ref: **HQ15168**

Dear [REDACTED]

3 November 2015

Thank you for your request dated 9 October 15 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

Your request for information was as follows;

- 1. At both Perth Prison and Castle Huntly Prison, what items are prisoners able to borrow from the library (eg. CDs, books, DVDs)?**

For each category, please provide details of the top 10 most commonly-borrowed items (including their names/titles).

We have now completed our search for the information you request, and a copy is below.

- **Castle Huntly:** *This is information that is not held at Castle Huntly as they do not have a library as such. They have a room with donated books which is run by a prisoner on a part time basis. There is a review under way at the moment looking at the possibility of upgrading this facility but this is at an early stage.*
- **Perth:** *The establishment has a selection of books and audio-books. Naturally some of these are for emerging readers as well as more established readers and encompass large print, graphic novel and magazine formats as well as the traditional paperback and hardback books. The establishment exchange these routinely with the net total of items being around 6000.*

Please see list attached which shows the top ten book types with titles; Please note that there are no music CDs or DVDs to borrow in HM Prison Perth, although a small quantity of relaxation discs that compliment mindfulness classes which are offered within programmes.

FICTION

1. *The Hard Way* – Lee Child
2. *The Quickie* – James Patterson
3. *Bitten* – Kelley Armstrong
4. *Exit Wound* – Andy McNab
5. *Who Dares Wins* – Chris Ryan
6. *The Ladykiller* – Martina Cole
7. *Fight Club* – Chuck Palahniuk
8. *Robert Harris – Fatherland*
9. *Pay the Devil* – Jack Higgins
10. *The Stretch* – Stephen Leather

AUDIOBOOKS

1. *Treasure of Khan* – Clive Cussler
2. *Clydesiders at War* – Margaret Davis
3. *A Coffin for Two* – Quintin Jardine
4. *The Secret of Crickley Hall* – James Herbert
5. *David Copperfield* – Charles Dickens
6. *Confessions of a Contract Killer* – P. Carlo
7. *Resurrection Men* – Ian Rankin
8. *Dying Light* – Stuart MacBride
9. *Hound of the Baskervilles* – A. Conan Doyle
10. *Teach Yourself Complete Gaelic* – Boyd Robertson

NON-FICTION

1. *The Oxford Paperback Dictionary and Thesaurus*
2. *The Official Theory Test for Car Drivers* – DSA
3. *Witness: the World's Greatest News Photographers* – R. Golden
4. *Guitar for Dummies* – Mark Philips
5. *The Oxford Anthology of English Poetry*
6. *Harry Hill's Whopping Great Joke Book*
7. *Ian Wallace's Reflections of Scotland*
8. *Other People's Money* – Neil Forsyth
9. *Corner: a Year in the Life of an Inner City Neighbourhood* – D. Simon
10. *Fantasy landscapes in Watercolour* – S. Littlejohn

FIND Health Books

1. *Quit Smoking Today* – Paul McKenna
2. *Yoga for Beginners* – Marin Scwichtenberg
3. *Coping with Bipolar Disorder* – Stephen Jones
4. *Need to Know? Cognitive Behavioural Therapy* – C. Boyes
5. *Training with Free Weights* – Graeme Marsh
6. *Everything Health guide to Addiction and Recovery* – Linda Simmons

7. *Free form Addiction: Facing Yourself – M. Khalegi*
8. *Could It Be You? Overcoming Dislexia – R. Pauc*
9. *IBS Food Fact and Tips – Tracy Parker*
10. *Overcoming Depression – P. Gilbert.*

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, Calton House, 5 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh, EH12 9HW. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Head of Corporate Affairs