

Our Ref **HQ 16173**

15 November 2016

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request dated 19th October 2016 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 16 November 2016. For reference, I have copied your request below. You asked;

How many full-time equivalent Prison Officers were employed at prisons in Scotland in each of the following years – 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015. Please provide the information broken down by individual prison, and a total number for each year for all prisons in Scotland.

We have now completed our search for the information you request. The table below provides the number of full time equivalent Prison Officers employed at 31st March of the respective year. Please note that as this request specifies Prison Officers we have interpreted this to mean Operational Officers at Pay Band C and Residential Officers at Pay Band D.

Establishment	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
¹ Aberdeen	72	79	79	73	N/A	N/A
Barlinnie	431	443	435	438	448	452
Cornton Vale	176	181	179	197	201	204
Dumfries	94	96	94	104	106	102
Edinburgh	301	301	309	323	324	328
Glenochil	261	266	271	279	283	283
² Grampian	N/A	N/A	N/A	50	227	235
Greenock	121	121	119	125	128	138
Inverness	65	67	68	65	76	78
³ Low Moss	N/A	N/A	227	230	238	251
Open Estate	99	98	68	64	64	67
Perth	272	250	247	242	250	254
⁴ Peterhead	119	117	98	96	N/A	N/A
Polmont	259	277	275	274	290	302
Shotts	252	261	260	259	258	266
Grand Total	2522	2556	2729	2819	2893	2960

1. HMP Aberdeen closed in January 2014.
2. HMP YOI Grampian officially opened in March 2014.
3. HMP Low Moss officially opened in March 2012.
4. HMP Peterhead closed in December 2013.

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,

Scottish Prison Service