

Our Ref **HQ17145**

15 November 2017

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 18 October 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 15 November 2017. For reference, I have copied your Request for Information (RFI) below. You asked for:

Request for Information (RFI)

1. The number of prisoners on remand on (a) 24 December 2016, (b) 25 December 2016, (c) 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2017, (d) 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 and (e) between 24<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017, broken down by gender?
2. The number of prisoner on remand Christmas day for each of the last five years?

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

**In response to RFI 1 and 2**, as per our telephone conversation, SPS' Prisoner Records System (PR2) is unable to draw these statistics retrospectively, therefore under section 17 of the Act, I am unable to comply with your request as the information is not held by the authority.

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

SPS HQ