

Our Ref HQ17146

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 below. You asked for;

Request for Information

1. The number of (a) males, (b) females, and (c) other released from prison without a fixed address in each of the last three years, broken down by prison establishment and by what percentage of the total prisoners released at each establishment this represents.

We have now completed our search for the information you request.

SPS endeavours to provide information whenever possible but on this occasion it has not been possible to comply with your request under section 17 of the Act. This is because the information is not held by the authority.

For information, Liam McArthur MSP asked a similar written question in March 2017 (S5W-08186). The response provided confirmed that this information is not held by SPS. Additional information in relation to Scottish Government homelessness statistics was also provided.

To improve the housing outcomes for people in and leaving prison the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) is currently working very closely with national housing organisations (Chartered Institute of Housing, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO), Shelter and the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations) and local authorities to look at options for the delivery of housing advice services, associated processes and a set of national standards. These standards will aim to ensure that everyone has their individual housing and

welfare needs assessed on imprisonment and shared plans put in place during their sentence to ensure suitable accommodation is available for release.

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

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