

Our ref HQ 17182

19 December 2017

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 20 November 2017 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). For ease of reference you asked for:

“I would like full details of the following:

- 1) Data on each time a drone was reported being used in or around a HMP Perth or HMP Castle Huntly in the last three years up to the most recent date possible.*
- 2) The date that its use was reported, at which prison and a brief summary of what happened during the incident.*
- 3) If the drone – or anything the drone was carrying – was recovered, please provide a list of its cargo.*
- 4) State if any action was taken by the prison as a result of the reported use of a drone.”*

Response to requests for information 1, 2 and 3: The tables below provide a breakdown of incidents linked to drones or UAVs recorded on the SPS Prison Records System (PR2) between May 2016 and November 2017, broken down by calendar year and establishment.

Establishment	Month	Package	Contents
Perth	May-16	No	No
Perth	Jun-16	No	No
Perth	Aug-16	No	No
Perth	Dec-16	No	No
Perth	Sep-17	No	4 Mobile Telephones
Perth	Sep-17	No	2 Mobile Telephones

Response to request for information 4: This information is not held. The SPS report all incidents to Police Scotland for further investigation or prosecution, you may wish to contact Police Scotland for a response.

NB: There are no recorded incidents connected to drones or UAV’s in Scottish Prisons prior to 2016.

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

Communications Manager

