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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 22 February 2018. This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 23 March 2018. Please accept my apologies for the short delay in responding to you which was due to staff absence. For reference I have copied your request below. You asked:

### Request for Information

RFI 1. How many mobile phone discoveries have been made at each prison in Scotland since March 2012?

RFI 2. At each of those prisons, how many prisoners were prosecuted following those mobile phone discoveries?

RFI 3. At each of those prisons, how much extra time was added onto inmates' pre-existing sentences following those prosecutions?

RFI 4. For each year you provide the aforementioned information, please provide the total prison population for each prison.

I have now completed my search for the information you request.

In response to RFI 1, the table below provides the number of phone discoveries that have been made at each prison in Scotland since March 2012 as recorded within the SPS Prisoner Records reporting system (PR2).

<b>Establishment</b>	<b>March 2012- Feb 2013</b>	<b>March 2013-Feb 2014</b>	<b>March 2014-Feb 2015</b>	<b>March 2015-Feb 2016</b>	<b>March 2016-Feb 2017</b>	<b>March 2017-Feb 2018</b>
Aberdeen	34	12				
Addiewell	43	31	14	14	17	45
Barlinnie	44	20	17	25	29	14
Cornton Vale	2	1	7	2	0	2
Dumfries	2	2	2	2	2	3
Edinburgh	75	47	28	36	59	60
Glenochil	42	28	21	27	22	19
Grampian			16	41	32	25
Greenock	4	1	2	0	1	4
Inverness	7	2	3	4	3	2

Kilmarnock	30	18	14	10	15	13
Low Moss	9	18	17	23	18	21
Open Estate	27	16	8	5	2	8
Perth	11	25	18	26	52	32
Peterhead	28	8				
Polmont	15	4	0	16	2	13
Shotts	52	60	45	22	21	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>273</b>

In response to RFI 2, I can confirm that all mobile phone recoveries are reported to Police Scotland. I note that you ask for the number of prosecutions. This information is not held by the authority.

The authority does however hold information on those convicted following the recovery of a mobile phone and the table below provides the total number of prisoners who received a convicted sentence following the recovery of a mobile phone device.

We do endeavour to provide a response wherever possible however, in response to RFI3, a cost exemption applies. Under section 12 of FOISA public authorities are not required to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the upper cost limit, which is currently set at £600 by Regulations made under section 12. We estimate that the cost of locating, retrieving and then searching 542 files would be in excess of the upper cost limit. However, the authority does hold information on the total accumulated length of sentences received and this is included in the table below.

	<b>March 2012-Feb 2013</b>	<b>March 2013-Feb 2014</b>	<b>March 2014-Feb 2015</b>	<b>March 2015-Feb 2016</b>	<b>March 2016-Feb 2017</b>	<b>March 2017-Feb 2018</b>
<b>Total of Prisoners Convicted</b>	106	98	92	76	78	92
<b>Sentence By Year/Month</b>	36 Years 3 Months	39 Years 5 Months	37 Years 8 Months	29 Years 6 Months	30 Years 3 Months	32 Years 8 Months

In response to RFI 4, the table below provides the total prison population for each prison, each year.

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Aberdeen	245	163				
Addiewell	802	699	698	694	700	695
Barlinnie	1388	1211	1309	1250	1220	1095
Cornton Vale	307	184	246	221	200	86
Dumfries	197	182	179	170	172	176
Edinburgh	925	867	890	836	823	861
Glenochil	620	669	675	643	640	622
Grampian			303	355	421	439
Greenock	247	239	238	210	243	247

Inverness	149	128	133	105	115	117
Kilmarnock	645	500	499	502	490	499
Low Moss	367	696	758	719	753	742
Open Estate	253	230	248	234	208	180
Perth	681	663	586	647	603	628
Peterhead	139	125				
Polmont	770	685	514	492	481	514
Shotts	560	540	532	532	531	535
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8295</b>	<b>7781</b>	<b>7808</b>	<b>7610</b>	<b>7600</b>	<b>7436</b>

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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