

Our Ref HQ17266

27 March 2018

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 27 February 2018 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 27 March 2018. For reference I have copied your request below. You asked:

Request for Information

- As discussed, we're not really interested in specific areas, but more interested in the number of prisoners who are Muslim. Would you provide figures for the last five years?
- I'm also interested in the number of prisoners who are catholic, protestant (Church of Scotland, Anglican, Episcopalian etc.) Baptist (and other new Christian faiths), Mormon, Jehovah's Witnesses, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Scientologist and any other categories you record.
- Again, if you can provide figures for the last five years I'd be grateful.

I have now completed my search for the information you request. We do endeavour to provide information where possible however, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you require is not held by the Scottish Prison Service. SPS' electronic prisoner records system (PR2) is unable to aggregate religions historically. In order to provide assistance, the table below provides a snapshot of religions as per the day in which the search was carried out.

Prisoner Religion	No. of Prisoners
No Affiliation	1808
Church Of Scotland	1711
None	1524
Roman Catholic	1380
Christian	305
Jewish	238

Muslim	218
Other	121
Church Of England	61
Buddhist	24
Sikh	9
Baptist	7
Jehovah Witness	5
Mormon	5
Episcopalian	4
Hindu	3

I am sorry we have been unable to assist with your enquiry. If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing 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

Corporate Communications Manager

Scottish Prison Service