

Our Ref **HQ17268**

27 March 2018

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 1 March 2018 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 29 March 2018. For reference I have copied your request below. You asked:

Request for Information

RFI 1. What newspaper publications do the prisoners have access to?

RFI 2. What percentage of prisoners read which publications?

RFI 3. How often do prisoners have access to these publications – daily, weekly, monthly etc?

RFI 4. Are prisoners able to request specific newspaper publications?

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

In response to RFI 1, I can confirm that those in custody can purchase all mainstream newspapers. If available, they also have the option to purchase local newspapers.

In response to RFI 2, I can confirm that this information is not held by the authority. Having checked with our establishments, I can confirm that they order all tabloids, as well as a variety of broadsheets and local papers. It is common practice for those in custody to exchange newspapers, thus providing access to a greater variety of reading material. This does, however, mean that we are unable to identify what percentage of prisoners read which publications.

In response to RFI 3, I can confirm that all publications can be ordered daily, weekly and monthly.

In response to RFI 4, the tables below provides details all the newspapers that those in custody are able to order.

## NEWSPAPER PRICE LIST

DAILY PAPERS	PRICE
Sun	£0.50
Dail Record	£0.75
Daily Mail	£0.65
Daily Express	£0.65
Daily Sport (Wed & Fri)	£0.90
Evening Times	£0.75
Financial Times	£2.70
Guardian	£2.00
Herald	£1.45
i Newspaper	£0.60
Mirror	£0.75
Racing & Football Outlook	£2.30
Racing Post	£2.30
Scotsman	£1.50
Star	£0.30
Telegraph	£1.60
Times	£1.40
New Day ( Mon-Fri )	£0.50

SATURDAY PAPERS	PRICE
Sun	£0.70
Daily Record	£1.10
Express	£0.80
Financial Times	£3.80
Guardian	£2.90
Herald	£1.75
i Newspaper	£0.80
Mail	£1.00
Mirror	£1.20
Scotsman	£1.95
Star	£0.50
Telegraph	£2.00
Times	£1.50
Weekend Times	£0.75
Racing Post	£2.60

REGIONAL PAPERS	PRICE
Aberdeen Press & Journal (Mon-Fri)	£0.90
Aberdeen Press & Journal (Saturday)	£1.00
Airdrie & Coatbridge Advert (Wed)	£1.20
Ayrshire Post (Thu)	£1.20
Bellshill Speaker	£0.60
Clydebank Post (Wed)	£0.85
Dumfries & Galloway (Wed)	£0.95
Dumfries & Galloway (Fri)	£1.05
Dundee Courier (Not Available)	
East Fife Mail	£0.60
East Lothian Courier (Thu)( Not Available )	
East Lothian News (Not Available)	
Edinburgh Evening News ( Daily )	£0.75
Greenock Telegraph (Mon-Sat)	£0.50
Falkirk Herald (Thu)	£0.95
Fife Free Press (Not Available)	

SUNDAY PAPERS	PRICE
Sunday Mail	£1.80
Sun on Sunday	£1.10
Mail on Sunday	£1.70
Scotland on Sunday	£2.00
Star on Sunday	£0.90
Sunday Express	£1.40
Sunday Herald	£1.80
Sunday Mirror	£1.40
Sunday Observer	£3.00
Sunday People	£1.40
Sunday Post	£1.70
Sunday Sport	£1.00
Sunday Telegraph	£2.00
Sunday Times	£2.50
Sunday World	£1.50
Racing post	£2.60

WEEKLY PAPER	PRICE
The Economist	£5.00

Hamilton Advertiser ( <i>Thu</i> )	£1.10
Highland News	£0.90
Inverness Courier	£0.95
Irvine Times	£0.75
Lanark Gazette ( <i>Wed</i> )	£0.80
Milngavie Bearsden Herald	£0.55
Motherwell Times	£ 0.85
Southern Reporter ( <i>Thu</i> )	£1.00
West Lothian ( <i>Thu</i> )	£1.10
Wishaw Press ( <i>Wed</i> )	£1.00

Motorcycle News	£2.40
The Countryman's Weekly	£2.20

<b>OVERSEAS</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Frankfurter ( <i>M-Sat</i> )	£3.00

<b>UNABLE TO SOURCE</b>	<b>PRICE</b>
Central Fife Times	
Alloa Advertiser ( <i>Thu</i> )	£0.70
Times of India	£2.00
Paisley Daily Express	£0.90
Fife Free Press	£1.00

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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