

Our Ref: HQ 18001

30 April 2018

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, which was received on 2 April 2018. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 30 April 2018 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

You asked the following, and for ease of reference I have provided the answer immediately following each question.

1. What type of non-branded sanitary products are provided in prisons by the SPS?

Having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm that the following products are provided free by SPS:

- Towel sanitary super
- Towel sanitary regular
- Tampon no applicator regular
- Tampon no applicator super

2. What type of non-branded sanitary products are provided in prisons to purchase?

None, all non-branded products are provided free of charge.

3. How many female prisoners choose to purchase branded products from external suppliers? Can costs be provided for this?

At the time of searching circa 10 females purchase branded products at a cost of 93 pence per pack of Kotex breathable panty liners

4. How many female prisoners receive free products provided by the prison?

At the time of searching 341 females receive access to free products provided by the SPS.

5. What suppliers does the prison service source sanitary products from

Bunzl Greenham Ltd & JW Fillshell Ltd.

6. What is the annual cost for the supply of products free by the SPS

The cost for financial year 2017 – 2018 was £9,014.69

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right to request a review. Your request should be made within 40 working days of the date of receipt of this letter and we will reply within 20 working days of receiving your request. Under section 20(3) (c) (ii) of the Act your request should outline your reason for seeking a review. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain unsatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to Colin McConnell, Chief Executive, Scottish Prison Service, Calton House, Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh EH12 9HW. The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.

I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Communications Manager