

Our Ref HQ19186

13 November 2019

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 21 October 2019 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

FOI1: A breakdown of the books requested through the prison library service and read by prisoners in HMP Castle Huntly and HMP Perth since January 2019.

FOI2: I would like this information to be provided in separate lists for each prison, and detail which books were requested and the number of times it was requested in each establishment.

FOI3: If a book was requested and not obtained by the library service can this be made clear?

FOI4: I would also like a list for each prison detailing the number of times each book was checked out by inmates since January 2019.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request

FOI1 response: Please find attached a list of books borrowed by prisoners in Castle Huntly. The list indicates if particular books were supplied or not. Library services within HMP Perth are facilitated by Culture, Perth & Kinross and can be contacted using the email below;

GPowrie@culturepk.org.uk

FOI2 & FOI3 response: See response to Q1.

FOI4 response: This is not information held by SPS. You may be able to obtain this information by contacting;

GPowrie@culturepk.org.uk

We have now completed our search for the information you request, and a copy is enclosed.

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