

FOI HQ15035



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Dear 

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request, which was received on 12 May 2015. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 10 June 2015 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference I have copied your original questions below. Our response is provided immediately following each question. In the case of questions 1 and 2, they have been answered together by the table after question 2.

**1. In each of the last four years (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014) how many people were released temporarily from prison on escorted day absence, broken down by year and, if possible, reason for release?**

**2. In each of the last four years (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014) how many people were released temporarily from prison on unescorted day release, broken down by year and, if possible, reason for release?**

The table below shows all 'temporary movements' from prison that have been concluded in one day. Please note;

- only those explicitly marked as 'Unescorted' refer to unescorted movements by prisoners; all other escorts are escorted.
- the figures refer to individuals rather than number of movements.
- X refers to 5 or less.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Accumulated Visits	X	X	X	X	X
Children's Panel	418	490	526	516	523
Civil Court Case	7	8	41	14	19
Community Work	112	147	96	63	73

Compassionate Leave (Escorted)	72	61	85	69	90
Compassionate Leave (Unescorted)	X	X	6	X	X
Compassionate Visit (Escorted)	209	176	141	174	158
Compassionate Visit (Unescorted)	X	X	X	11	X
Criminal Injuries Board	X	X	X	X	X
Education	34	45	22	36	15
Employment Interview	18	19	183	209	170
Funeral	391	349	403	406	352
Home Leave - 1 Day	40	48	58	115	92
Hospital	3101	3201	3466	3655	3759
ID Parade	1122	1030	831	966	1100
Immigration Tribunal	7	8	14	21	25
Industrial Tribunal	X	X	X	X	X
Inter Prisoner Visit	70	66	85	74	89
Marriage	X	X	X	X	X
Medical - Chiropodist	X	X	X	X	X
Medical - Dentist	235	274	219	234	240
Medical - Optician	74	66	37	72	77
Medical - Other	64	94	42	27	14
Medical - Physiotherapist	X	X	X	X	X
Psychiatric Appointment	X	X	7	X	X
Police Interview	574	765	759	608	639
Recreation	168	249	202	155	152
Special Escorted Leave (Sel's)	194	211	201	261	255
Temporary Correction	7	6	X	X	X
Temporary Licence	307	329	287	354	443
Training For Freedom (Work)	X	X	X	X	X

**3. In each of the last four years (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014) how many people were released temporarily from prison on home leave for a period of seven days or more, broken down by year and, if possible, by prison?**

- The table below shows the number of individual prisoners who have been granted 7 days leave broken down by year and Prison. Please note that X refers to 5 or less.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Aberdeen	X	X	X	X	X
Cornton Vale	25	15	24	25	27
Grampian	X	X	X	X	X
Inverness	X	X	X	X	X
Open Estate	497	545	440	451	445
Polmont	X	X	6	6	7

#### **4. What is the criteria for granting prisoners (i) escorted day absence, (ii) unescorted day release and (iii) home leave?**

The information you have requested is already in the public domain and can be accessed on the internet. The link below will take you directly to the SPS website where the directions to the prison rules will provide you with information relating to the criteria you have requested.

<http://www.sps.gov.uk/Corporate/Information/PrisonRulesandDirections.aspx>

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. The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.

Yours sincerely,

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