

HQ15072

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the clarification of your Freedom of Information request, dated 30 June 2015. The clarification was received by the authority on 6 July. Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) allows an authority 20 working days from receipt of clarification to respond. This allows the authority until 4 Aug 2015 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 you requested the following:

- 1) *The number of work places currently available for prisoners in each of Scotland's prisons*
- 2) *The number of prisoners in each of Scotland's prisons who are not currently engaged in work activities*
- 3) *The number of prisoners in each of Scotland's prisons who are signed off work for medical reasons*

In your amendment of 1 July 2015 you further requested:

- 4) *I wonder if I could update the FOI request below slightly? It would be to include the population of each of the prisons at the time the FOI response is sent back and also to include the number of work places available in each of Scotland's prisons over the past 3 years.*

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you request is not readily available in a format which would allow us to extract this data. As the information is held on an individual prisoner's case record, it would involve searching in excess of 7000 records. At a conservative estimate of 5 minutes per file, this would exceed the 40 hours at £15 per hour and is therefore covered by the cost exemption under section 14 of the Act.

However, I have been able to provide a snapshot of management information which may assist with your inquiry. This information is captured on a daily basis but is not held historically. To collate the historical data would require a file search as explained above.

Establishment	Prison Population*	Number of Work Spaces*	Number of Purposeful Activity Spaces*	Number not currently engaged in Work Activities*	Number signed off for Medical reasons*
Addiewell	701	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*	N/A*
Barlinnie	1261	514	N/A**	675	53
Cornton Vale	225	168	42	30	4

Dumfries	171	122	18	N/A*	N/A*
Edinburgh	891	418	120	410	45
Glenochil	639	438	160	83	29
Grampian	410	285	111	119	5
Greenock	230	144	83	61	2
Inverness	121	92	32	N/A*	N/A*
Kilmarnock	500	456	335	104	0
Lowmoss	751	237	364	68	25
Open Estate	237	236	49	0	0
Perth	632	306	374	145	8
Polmont	489	336	141	N/A*	N/A*
Shotts	532	385	N/A**	32	22

\*The data above captures the relevant information as it was on 29 July 2015.

\*\*Information not available

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of the way in which we handled have your request, 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, Room G20 Calton House, Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh. The review will be undertaken by staff not involved in the original decision making process.

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Communications Manager  
Scottish Prison Service