



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ FOI079

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Dear [REDACTED]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, which was received on 6 July 2015. This gave a statutory deadline for responding of 6 August 2015 under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

You asked the following, and for ease of reference I have copied your original questions as follows. Our response is provided immediately following each question.

- 1. The number of women offenders incarcerated in Scotland at the time of the SPS's response to this FOI request;**

The current number of women offenders in custody in Scotland on 29 July 2015 is 414.

- 2. The maximum number of places for women offenders across Scotland's prison estate**

There are 526 places currently designated to accommodate women offenders across the estate. Breakdown is noted below;

Establishment	No. of places
HMP Cornton Vale	309
HMP Edinburgh	114
HMP Grampian	50
HMP Greenock	53

- 3. The number of places for women offenders in Scotland's prisons following the implementation of the Scottish Government's new proposals for women's custody;**

Following the implementation of the new proposals for women's custody, there will be a total of 397 places for women offenders in Scotland.

4. The cost of the renovations to HMP Cornton Vale to date and the projected costs of any outstanding work to be carried out;

The total cost of renovations at HMP&YOI Cornton Vale is **£4.37m** (including VAT).

5. Clarification of what will happen to the existing site and buildings at Cornton Vale under the Scottish Government's new proposals;

As announced by the Cabinet Secretary on 22 June 2015, the Scottish Government has decided that a new 80 place national prison for women in Scotland will be built on the existing site at Cornton Vale. The existing facilities and accommodation buildings at Cornton Vale will be decommissioned following the completion of the new prison.

6. Confirmation of the budget required to implement the Scottish Government's new plans for Cornton Vale;

As announced by the Cabinet Secretary, the proposals for a new 80 place small national prison at Cornton Vale, alongside 5 smaller community-based custodial units each accommodating 20 women across the country are to be backed up by capital investment of up to £82 million, with additional annual resource costs made available to ensure women both in custody and in the community are able to access key services.

The budget required to implement the Scottish Government's new plans for Cornton Vale has not been confirmed.

7. The total amount spent by the SPS on the previous proposals for HMP Inverclyde before they were halted in January this year.

The total amount spent on the previous proposals for HMP Inverclyde was £7.04m.

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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