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SCOTTISH PRISON SERVICE

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30 December 2015

Dear ████████

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, which was received on 27 November 2015. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 30 December 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.

1. I'd like to know what the occupancy has been at Grampian prison each month since it opened. If possible, I would like this broken down by men, women and youths

In response to your question, we have concluded our search of all records held and can provide you with the figures you have requested in the format in which they are recorded. Please find information attached. Please also note that in this instance an exemption under section 38.1(b) of FOISA applies to some of the information requested. Due to the low numbers of prisoners in some categories during certain months, we are unable to provide the exact number for some as this may lead to the identification of the person(s) concerned. We have marked these as "<5" where the number is less than 5.

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

Head of Corporate Affairs