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Dear ██████████

Thank you for your e-mail request dated 2 December 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

1. The education classes/programmes in each prison in every year since 2011.
2. The number of places available on education classes/programmes in each prison in every year since 2005.
3. The number of places filled on education classes/programmes in each prison in every year since 2005.
4. The number of SQA qualifications or similar awarded to prisoners in each year since 2005.
5. The average prison population in each prison in every year since 2005.

The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) sought clarification on 4 December 2015 regarding your request for programmes information. You clarified on 7 December 2015 that your request related to programmes for the general provision of education and not offender intervention programmes. Under FOISA, this gave a revised statutory deadline to reply by 8 January 2016.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you request in relation to questions 1 to 4 above is not fully held by the SPS.

However, in part response to questions 1 and 2 above, I am able to provide the current range of education classes made available at each establishment, together with the number of prisoners who can attend the education centre per day. This information is set out in Table 1 attached. In addition to this information, some establishments now provide education opportunities out with the Education Centre, however, this is difficult to quantify as they are not available every day or routinely throughout the year.

Also, in part response to questions 3 and 4 above, I am able to provide the number of attendances at education at each establishment and the number of SQA qualifications or similar awarded to prisoners for each year since August 2011 and this information is set out in Table 2 attached.

You may also wish to contact Fife College, Halbeath Campus, Pittsburgh Road, Dunfermline KY11 8DY and New College Lanarkshire, Motherwell Campus, 1 Enterprise Way, Motherwell ML1 2TX. Both Colleges are currently contracted by SPS for the delivery of education services to prisoners, and they may be able to assist further.

In relation to question 5 above, under section 25(1) of FOISA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the SPS Annual Report and Accounts for each relevant year. These are published and available on the SPS website at www.sps.gov.uk under Corporate Publications. If you do not have access to obtain this information from the website listed, then please contact me again and I will arrange to provide it in hard copy.

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

Head of Corporate Affairs

Table 1**Range of Classes currently available and the number of prisoners who can attend the Education Centre per day by Establishment**

Establishment	Classes	No. of Prisoners who can attend the Education Centre per day
Barlinnie	Art, Book Group, Communications and Literacy, Cookery, Creative Writing, Employability, English, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Food Hygiene, Health & Safety, History, ICT, Induction, Math project, Money Matters, Numeracy & Maths, Open/Distance Learning, Peer Tutoring, Prison Radio Project, Scottish Studies	180
Cornton Vale	Cookery, Bakery, Specific Literacy Support, English/Communication, History, Scottish History, Maths/IT, IT, Numeracy & Life Skills, Advances Maths, Have I got news for you, Creative writing, Philosophy, Induction, Films, Film Club, Advanced English Study skills, Creative Projects, Book Group, Creative Writing Group, Open Learning, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Modern Studies, Classics, Create and Make Projects, Learn to Paint, Learn to Draw, Story Sacks, Art and Craft Community Projects, Digital Design	160
Dumfries	Art, Maths, Literacies, Communications-Creative Writing, Communications-Book Group, ICT, Creative Writing, STIR Magazine Editorial Group, Philosophy/Debating, Local Magazine, Distance Learning Support-Open University and Further Education, Prisoner Learning Forum, Music, Projects-(book festival and art exhibition)	36
Edinburgh	English, Creative Writing, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Maths/Numeracy, Music (guitar), Art, PC Passport, ICT, Multi IT-(self-study Driving Theory, Health & Safety, and Languages), Distance	80 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 100 Wednesday

	Learning study, Sewing, Cookery, Craft	
Glenochil	Literacy Intensive Support, Creative Writing, Music, Communications and Literacy, Numeracy and Maths, Animation, Art, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Creative Arts, ICT, Cookery, Business Studies, History, Health for Life, Peer Tutoring, Guidance, Open University, Discussion Group, Ceramics, Music theory, Magazine Editorial Group	80
Grampian	Storybook Dads, ICT, Mural Group, Core Skills-(Communications, Numeracy, ICT, Working with Others and Problem Solving), Induction, Project Group, Advance Learning, Art, Construction Skills Certification Scheme, Marketing Group, Magazine Group, ICT skills, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Peer Mentoring, Craft	90
Greenock	Maths & Numeracy, Communications, Art, Craft, ICT, Music, Prison Radio, Cookery, Modern Studies, History, Philosophy, Business Studies, Magazine Class, Fit Together-(working with adults with additional support needs), Open Learning, Open University, Reading Group	80
Inverness	Essential skills-(including-Maths, Communication, Literacy, ICT, Digital Music, Foreign Languages, Driving Theory, Radio Skills, Employability, Typing skills), Creative Arts-(including-Visual Arts, Crafts, Creative Writing), Employability, FoodWise, Personal Finance, Projects	90, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 45, Tuesday, Thursday
Low Moss	ICT, Maths Communications, Art, Music, Creative Writing, History, Moderns Studies, Philosophy, Business Course, CV Clinics, Open University	200
Open Estate	Computing, Maths/Numeracy, Communications, English, Creative Writing, Art and Design, Web Design, Employability, Working	40 per day 40 per Evening

	with Others, ASDAN, Soft Landscaping, Professional Cookery, Open Learning/ Open University, Driving Theory Practice, Open Times Magazine, Construction Skills Certification Scheme Practice, Spanish/Languages, Cookery Skills, Photoshop Digital Imaging, Game Design, Animation, E-Learning, Music	
Perth	Maths, English, Small Group Work (Literacy), Creative Writing, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Spanish, Art, Guitar, Skillzone, Enterprise, Business Education, Cooking/Life Skills, Projects, ICT, Distance Learning, History	60 Monday 80 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 30 Friday
Polmont	Maths, ICT, Core Skills (Literacy, Communications, Working with Others, Numeracy, ICT and Problem Solving), Higher Communications, Acting, Guitar, Art, Modern Studies, Media Studies, Geography, Distance Learning, Open University, English for Speakers of Other Languages , budgeting, Driving Theory, e-learning	100
Shotts	IT, Open Learning, Citizenship, Art, Communications, Music, Guidance, Magazine, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Literacy Support, Open University, Creative Writing, Maths, Induction, Literacy, Spanish, Numeracy, Peer Tutors, Social Science, Literature, Small Group Literacy	80

Table 2**Number of Attendances at Prison Education by Establishment by Year (August to July)**

Establishment	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Aberdeen	8994	5963	2968	0
Barlinnie	16555	18845	17744	24387
Cornton Vale	13361	11737	10938	9812
Dumfries	7292	6827	7433	7431
Edinburgh	5752	11407	13386	14563
Glenochil	12597	14487	15067	13043
Grampian	0	0	2395	10167
Greenock	11865	11068	13299	13005
Inverness	4019	7105	8537	8869
Low Moss	4980	23275	30766	27518
Open Estate	7996	8239	8298	7839
Perth	9854	9120	8715	8725
Peterhead	4099	3679	1147	0
Polmont	12548	10789	9013	7583
Shotts	12757	14337	17340	16491

Number of SQA qualifications and other similar qualifications awarded to prisoners by Year (August to July)

Year	No. of Qualifications
2011-12	5330
2012-13	5302
2013-14	5161
2014-15	5102