

Our Ref: **FOI HQ15 314**

22 April 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request dated 28 March 2016 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

- Between March 1 2015 and February 28 2016 in prisons in Tayside, how many incidents were there of prisoners being found in possession of illegal substances?
- For these incidents of prisoners being found in possession of illegal substances, can you break them down into different drugs that were found, for example: "Heroin 100, Cannabis 87, and Cocaine 59"
- Can you provide me with the same data for the previous five years too, so beginning with March 1 2011 to February 2012, March 1 2012 to February 2013, March 1 2013 to February 28 2014 and March 1 2014 to February 28 2015?

We have now completed our search for the information you request, and a copy is attached below.

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

The table below illustrates the breakdown of total suspected drug recoveries within HMP Perth and HMP Open Estate (Castle Huntly) for the last 4 years, plus this year to date.

Establishment	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	2012/13	2011/12
HMP Open Estate	81	42	34	36	17
HMP Perth	149	131	115	101	99

Please note that establishments carry out presumptive testing on illicit articles recovered prior to issue to the Police to provide an indication of the substance found. All substances recovered are sent to the police for either further investigation or disposal as appropriate. The outcome of Police Investigations are seldom notified to the SPS. **The numbers detailed below were compiled using the data we have using presumptive testing.**

2015/16	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Open Estate	0	0	0	0	1665
Perth	106.5	0	220.1	0	408

2014/15	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Open Estate	0	0	0	0	1081
Perth	12.7	7.2	0.85	1	615

2013/14	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Open Estate	0	0	13	0	518
Perth	3.6	4.8	16.65	0	415.5

2012/13	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Open Estate	0	0	15.5	0	2396
Perth	13.5	1.5	38.45	0	234

2011/12	Heroin	Cocaine	Cannabis	Amphetamine	Misc Tablets
	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (grams)	Qty (ea)
Open Estate	0	0	0	0	453
Perth	27.1	0.9	24.64	0.1	581.5