

Our Ref: HQ16102

24 August 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, which was received on 2 August 2016. This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 30 August 2016 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 request for information (RFI) as follows.

1. Please state if the following books are in circulation / available in any of Scotland's prisons, either through libraries, chaplaincy services, approved suppliers or any other way that books can be available in prison.
  - Milestones by Sayyid Qutb
  - Risalah Jihad by Hassan al-Banna
  - Towards Understanding Islam by Sayyid Abdul A'la Mawdudi
  - The Lawful and prohibited in Islam by Yusuf al- Qaradawi
  - Fundamentals of Tawheed by Bilal Philips
2. Please state if the following authors are available / in circulation in any of Scotland's prisons, either through libraries, chaplaincy services, approved suppliers or any other way that books can be available in prison.
  - Zakir Naik
  - Khalid Yasin
  - Murtaza Khan
  - Abu Usama at-Thahabi
3. If any of the authors and books were previously available in Scottish prisons but are no longer in circulation please state the date each was removed.

In response to **Questions 1 & 2** ; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm there is no information held on any of the listed books or authors for all SPS libraries, chaplaincy services or approved suppliers. For completeness, the SPS does not record information on the authors and titles of books sent in by prisoner's friends and family and therefore there is no information held on this avenue of availability.

In response to **Question 3**; having completed our search of all electronic and paper records held by the SPS I can confirm there is no information held.

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

SPS Headquarters