

**Our Ref HQ16189**

06 December 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request dated 7 November 2016 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 06 December 2016. For reference, I have copied your request below. You asked for:

1. The number of prisoners that have been granted home leave from prison over the upcoming Christmas period between December 23rd and January 4<sup>th</sup> 2016; and
2. The number of prisoners that were granted leave from prison over last Christmas period between December 23<sup>rd</sup> and January 4<sup>th</sup> in each of the last three years, and of these how many that broke their leave agreement.

I have now completed my search for the information you request and the answers are provided below.

1. This information is not held by the authority. No decision has been made on what prisoners will be afforded home leave during 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 – 4 January 2017. This information is likely to be available around 20 December 2016.
2. The number of prisoners granted festive leave within the date parameters (23<sup>rd</sup> December 2016 – 4 January 2017) is as follows;
  - i. 2013: 204. Of these 204, 2 broke their leave agreement.
  - ii. 2014: 107. Of these 107, 1 broke their leave agreement.
  - iii. 2015: 124. Of these 124, 1 broke their leave agreement.

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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Scottish Prison Service