

**Our Ref FOI 14241**

Dear [REDACTED],

6<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Thank you for your request dated the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for;

- 1. a list of DVDs and computer games that prisoners are allowed in jail and a list that have been banned.*
- 2. details of any DVDs or computer games that have been confiscated by the prison service, the names of the DVD/game and the reason why they were confiscated, all for the year 2014.*
- 3. which prison each DVD or computer game was confiscated from.*

We received your request on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2015 - this gives a statutory deadline of the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 for responding under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

We have now completed our search for the information you request, please see the following.

1. Please see the attached worksheet which provides the titles of DVDs and computer games that are available to prisoners.
2. Prisons do not allow DVD's or computer games that are deemed inappropriate. For example, this would include any material that is deemed a security issue as well as obscene material such as pornography.

In most cases, unless it was deemed appropriate that the Police be contacted, the establishment 'would not confiscate' these items; they would simply be retained in the prisoners personal property until liberation or handed back to their family.

DVD's or Computer Games may be removed, if during a search of a prisoner's property, the items in question were not on his personal articles in use card. In such cases, they would be retained in Reception until claimed for by the prisoners who owned the articles (and had it listed on his property).

As a result, the SPS does not compile a list of 'confiscated' DVDs or Computer Games.

3. Please see above.

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**  
**Scottish Prison Service**