

**Our Ref HQ16193**

6 December 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request dated 8 November 2016 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding of 7 December 2016. For reference, I have copied your original request below. You asked for;

1. The number of prisoners that have been granted leave from prison to go home over the upcoming Christmas period (23 – 27 December 2016), and of these prisoners how many and what percentage were convicted in cases where the main charge had a domestic abuse aggravator recorded?
2. The number of prisoners that were granted leave from prison to go home over the last Christmas period (23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015), and of these prisoners how many and what percentage were convicted in cases where the main charge had a domestic abuse aggravator recorded?
3. The number of prisoners that were granted leave from prison to go home over the Christmas period (23<sup>rd</sup>– 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015) that broke their leave agreement.

I have now completed my search for the information you request, and the answers are detailed 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> – 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016. This information is likely to be available around 20 December 2016.
2. 103 prisoners were afforded home leave between (23<sup>rd</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> December 2015) and of these, only 1 prisoner has been convicted with a charge of domestic abuse = 1.03%.
3. One prisoner broke their leave agreement during this period. (23<sup>rd</sup>–27<sup>th</sup> December 2015)

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,

Corporate Communications Manager  
Scottish Prison Service