

Our ref HQ16248

21 February 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request dated 23 January under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). This gives a statutory deadline for responding by 21 February 2017. For reference, I have copied your request below. I will deal with each question in turn

Request for Information 1.

*Compensation paid out to prisoners at Castle Huntly and Perth Prison who claim they have been assaulted, in 2014, 2015, 2016 and to the latest date possible in 2017. Please break down each case by*

- a. *year of the compensation payment and which prison the prisoner was at;*
- b. *the nature of the assault;*
- c. *the amount paid out in each case; and*
- d. *whether the alleged attacker was a prisoner or whether it was claimed the altercation involved a member of prison staff."*

There has been no compensation paid to offenders at Castle Huntly who claim to have been assaulted. I can advise that in the financial year 2013-14 the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) paid a total amount of £5,500 to offenders at HMP Perth who claimed to have been assaulted. Due to the low number of payments and the constraints of the Data Protection Act 1998 we can confirm that this amount was the total paid to less than 5 prisoners.

Request for Information 2.

*The total paid out to prisoners at Castle Huntly and Perth Prison in the last three years, broken down by year."*

The table below contains the total compensation payments in each of the last three financial years.

Financial year	Castle Huntly	Perth
2013 – 2014	£ 187.99	£ 8849.64
2014 – 2015	£ 1565	£ 497.90
2015 – 2016	£ 157.98	£ 5829.96

Request for Information 3.

*Compensation paid out to prison staff at Castle Huntly and Perth Prison who claim they have been assaulted in the 2014, 2015, 2016 and to the latest date possible in 2017. Please break down each case by*

- a. year of the compensation payment and which prison the prison staff member works;*
- b. the nature of the assault; and*
- c. the amount paid out in each case.*

I can advise that there have been no compensation payments made to prison staff at HMP Castle Huntly or HMP Perth who claimed they had been assaulted in the 2014, 2015, 2016 and to the latest date possible in 2017.

Request for Information 4.

*The total amount paid out to prison staff at Castle Huntly and Perth Prison in the last three years, broken down by year.”*

The table below contains the total compensation payments in each of the last three financial years.

Financial year	HMP Castle Huntly & HMP Perth
2013 – 2014	£ 0
2014 – 2015	£ 0
2015 – 2016	£113,150

The data for HMP Castle Huntly and HMP Perth have been combined in this table due to the low number of payments and the constraints of the Data Protection act 1998. We can confirm that this amount was the total paid to less than 5 staff members.

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.