



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ24148

9 October 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 11 September 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: “The total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) press and/or communications and/or media officers employed over the last five financial years (broken down by year).”

RFI 2: “The total cost (including salaries, benefits, and other associated costs) of employing these press and/or communications and/or media officers over the last five financial years (broken down by year).”

We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

RFI 1 & 2 Response: The table below outlines the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees and costs falling within the scope of your request by financial years:

Scottish Prison Service	2020 – 21	2021 – 22	2022 – 23	2023 – 24	2024 -25 ytd August 2024
FTE	3.0	1.5	1.3	3.3	3.3
Cost	£175,620	£98,912	£88,780	£223,547	£97,267

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to conduct an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be conducted and should be made within forty working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within twenty 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

Freedom of Information Manager