



HEADQUARTERS
 One Lochside
 1 Lochside Avenue
 Edinburgh
 EH12 9DJ

Our Ref: HQ24178

6 November 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 9 October 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: “An annual breakdown of each prison where drones have been recorded entering SPS grounds. [Jan 2020 – Oct 2024]”

RFI 2: “Confirm how many drones were confiscated each year over the period.”

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

RFI 1 Response: There have been 151 UAV-related incidents in the reporting period requested. Please see HQ24178 Annex A (below) for the annual breakdown.

RFI 2 Response: Please see table below:

Year	Number of Drones Recovered
2020	1
2021	3
2022	4
2023	7
2024	9

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

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	Addiewell	Barlinnie	Edinburgh	Glenochil	Greenock	Inverness	Lilias	Low Moss	Perth	Polmont	Shotts	Total
2020												
Jan												
Feb				1								1
Mar												
Apr								1		1		2
May												
Jun												
Jul												
Aug												
Sep												
Oct												
Nov										1		1
Dec												
2021												
Jan												
Feb												
Mar												
Apr												
May												
Jun		1										1
Jul	1											1
Aug												
Sep			1			1						2
Oct												
Nov			1									1
Dec												
2022												
Jan												
Feb												
Mar												
Apr												
May											1	1
Jun												
Jul												

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Aug				1								1
Sep			1									1
Oct			1									1
Nov			1									1
Dec			2									2
2023												
Jan			1									1
Feb			2						3			5
Mar		2	3						2			7
Apr		1	1			1						3
May		5	1	1				1	3			11
Jun			2						2			4
Jul		6	1						1			8
Aug		4	4					2				10
Sep		1	2					2				5
Oct		3		1	1			1				6
Nov			2				1					3
Dec			2	1					2			5
2024												
Jan			7									7
Feb			2									2
Mar		5										5
Apr		2						1				3
May		3	4									7
Jun	1	1						1				3
Jul		2				1			1			4
Aug	1	8	6		1	1		1				18
Sep		6	3						2			11
Oct		5	2									7
Total	3	55	52	5	2	4	1	10	16	2	1	151