



**HEADQUARTERS**  
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**Our Ref:** HQ24238

24 December 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 26 November 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

**RFI 1:** "How many guards have been employed by the SPS in each of the last six months, on the date?"

**RFI 2:** "How many prisoners have been in jail in each of the last six months, on this date?"

**RFI 3:** "How many women are currently on remand compared to how many in prison?  
 Could I also get the statistics for the last three years as well, broken down by each year?"

**RFI 4:** "How many prisoners have been released accidentally in each of the last three years, broken down by year?"

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

**RFI 1 Response:** Please see table below:

Month	Prison Officers Employed
Jun – 24	3499
Jul – 24	3547
Aug – 24	3531
Sep – 24	3570
Oct – 24	3593
Nov – 24	3576

**RFI 2 Response:** Please see table below:

Month <sup>(26<sup>th</sup>)</sup>	Prison Population
Jun – 24	8256
Jul – 24	7920
Aug – 24	8096
Sep – 24	8298
Oct – 24	8227
Nov – 24	8289

**RFI 3 Response:** Please see table below:

Year	Females on Remand	Convicted Females	Total
2022	86	185	271
2023	105	214	319
2024	110	230	340

**RFI 4 Response:** Please see table below:

Year	Releases in Error
2021 – 22	5
2022 – 23	9
2023 – 24	7
2024 – to date	5

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