



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ24297

17 February 2025

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 20 January 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: “How many inmates have been caught with drugs in the last three years, broken down by year and prison?”

RFI 2: “Could you provide a full list of crimes that those released early from prison through the Scottish Government's new legislation committed, and supply how many have been taken back into custody and why, out of how many released?”

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

RFI 1 Response: Please see table below:

Establishment	2022	2023	2024	Total
HMP Addiewell	158	175	314	647
HMP Barlinnie	103	239	150	492
Bella Centre (CCU)	1	2	-	3
HMP Castle Huntly	18	47	41	106
HMP & YOI Cornton Vale	9	-	-	9
HMP Dumfries	40	21	51	112
HMP Edinburgh	173	244	146	563
HMP Glenochil	48	103	157	308
HMP & YOI Grampian	115	157	189	461
HMP Greenock	53	56	55	164
HMP Inverness	88	124	99	311
HMP Kilmarnock	138	225	171	534
Lilias Centre (CCU)	-	2	-	2
HMP Low Moss	196	246	312	754
HMP Perth	137	220	193	550
HMP & YOI Polmont	67	92	103	262
HMP Shotts	104	225	218	547
HMP & YOI Stirling	-	10	13	23
Grand Total	1448	2188	2212	5848

RFI 2 Response: Section 25 of FOI(S)A exempts information from disclosure where the requester can reasonably obtain the information without asking for it under FOI(S)A.

The information requested is available to the public and can be found at the link provided below:

[Returns to custody - Emergency Release Feb 2025.pdf](#)

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