



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ25151

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Dear

Thank you for your request dated 30 June 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).
Your request for information (RFI).

RFI 1: The total number of prisoners who are recorded as breaching prison rules in the calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date.

RFI 2: The number of separate breaches of prison rules in the calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date.

RFI 3: Of those prisoners currently serving sentences, a list of the top ten individuals with the highest number of breaches of prison rules. For example, Prisoner 1 has breached rules 50 times, Prisoner 2 has breached rules 40 times etc.

RFI 4: The number of prisoners who are recorded as breaching prison rules in the calendar years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date – broken down by each prison. For example, X many in HMP Kilmarnock in 2021, Y many in HMP Barlinnie in 2022 etc.

We have now completed our search for the information you requested and provide the undernoted response.

RFI 1 Response: There are 12,874 individuals in our care recorded as breaching prison rules over these years. Please see below the breakdown by calendar year:

Year	Number of Individuals Breaching Prison Rules
2022	6,017
2023	6,659
2024	6,904
2025	4,556
Total	24,136

Please note that the total across the calendar year split appears higher as some individuals have breached rules in multiple years.

RFI 2 Response: There are 99,988 separate breaches of prison rules are recorded during these years. Please see below the breakdown by calendar year:

Year	Number of Separate Breaches of Prison Rules
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2022	22,318
2023	30,926
2024	32,128
2025	14,618
Total	99,990

RFI 3 Response: Please see below the top 10 individuals with the highest number of breaches between 01.01.2022 – 30.06.2025 who are currently in custody:

Individual	Number of Breaches of Prison Rules
1	143
2	111
3	105
4	98
5	94
6	94
7	91
8	90
9	87
10	87

RFI 4 Response: There are 12,874 individuals in our care recorded as breaching prison rules over these years. Please see below the breakdown by calendar year and establishment:

Establishment	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
HMP Addiewell	721	781	844	506	2,852
HMP Barlinnie	900	1052	984	559	3,495
Bella CCU	2	5	8	10	25
HMP Castle Huntly	44	66	61	21	192
HMP & YOI Cornton Vale	125	20	*	*	145
HMP Dumfries	166	155	159	77	557
HMP Edinburgh	691	812	748	494	2,745
HMP Glenochil	526	516	556	361	1,959
HMP & YOI Grampian	557	554	531	342	1,984
HMP Greenock	194	230	198	110	732
HMP Inverness	165	167	162	69	563
HMP Kilmaronock	593	682	731	403	2,409
Lilias CCU	-	3	8	9	20
HMP Low Moss	774	771	881	609	3,035
HMP Perth	581	777	778	492	2,628
HMP & YOI Polmont	346	381	537	391	1,655
HMP Shotts	379	377	432	339	1,527
HMP & YOI Stirling	*	103	201	103	407
Total	6,764	7,452	7,819	4,895	26,930

*Corton Vale Closed and Stirling opened

Please note that the total across the calendar year split appears higher as some individuals have breached rules in multiple years and establishments.

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

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