



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ25330

19 December 2025

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 27 October 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

Please may I take this opportunity to apologise for the delay in providing you with this response.

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: “For each year since, and including, 2020 how many prisoners have been released early in error? Please can you number these per year, for example x in 2020, y in 2021, and so on. For 2025, please use the figures as to the date you receive this application.”

RFI 2: “Please can you give a number of what prison these people were released in error from?”

RFI 3: “And, finally, if possible please can you give a breakdown of what offences these people committed. If there are too many to indicate for each one, please can you number them in total?”

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

RFI 1 & 2 Response: Please see table below:

Establishment	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
HMP Addiewell	1	2	1	1		1	
HMP Barlinnie	1		2	3	1	4	2
HMP Edinburgh				2			1
HMP Glenochil				1			
HMP & YOI Grampian						1	
HMP Greenock							
HMP Inverness					1		
HMP Kilmarnock	1					1	
HMP Low Moss		1	2		1		
HMP Perth				1	2		
HMP & YOI Polmont	1					2	1

HMP & YOI Stirling					2		1
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RFI 3 Response: Please see table below:

Crime Category	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Anti-social Offence							
Crime Against Society					2		1
Crime of Dishonesty			1	1		2	
Miscellaneous Offence						1	
Non-sexual Crime of Violence	3	1	1	3		1	1
Road Traffic Offence							
Untried	1	2	3	4	5	5	3

* The figures provided are up to 5 December 2025.

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