



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ25351

19 December 2025

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 7 December 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: “Since 2015, how many people have been released from prison by mistake?”

RFI 2: “Please provide the total number of "liberations in error" over the last decade, as well as a breakdown by year and by prison, where possible.”

RFI 3: “If there is details of the crimes committed by those mistakenly released, please provide this.”

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

RFI 1 & 2 Response: Please see table below:

Establishment	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
HMP Addiewell	3		1		1	2	1	1		1	
HMP Barlinnie				1	1		2	3	1	4	2
HMP Edinburgh	2	1						2			1
HMP Glenochil								1			
HMP & YOI Grampian	1			1						1	
HMP Greenock			1								
HMP Inverness	1	1							1		
HMP Kilmarnock		1	1		1					1	
HMP Low Moss		1		2		1	2		1		
HMP Perth				1				1	2		
HMP & YOI Polmont	1		1		1					2	1
HMP & YOI Stirling									2		1

RFI 3 Response: Please see table below:

Crime Category	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Anti-social Offence	1			1							
Crime Against Society		1	2						2		1
Crime of Dishonesty	1	1	2	3			1	1		2	
Miscellaneous Offence	2									1	
Non-sexual Crime of Violence	3				3	1	1	3		1	1
Road Traffic Offence				1							
Untried	1	2			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