



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ25354

10 December 2025

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 11 November 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: "Can you please provide details on how many inmates at Castle Huntly Open Prison and Perth Prison have escaped in the past three years, and can you please break this down into prison escapes from each prison?"

RFI 2: "Can you also please provide details when these prison escapes took place – i.e. which month?"

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

RFI 1 & 2 Response: There have been no escapes from HMP Perth in the past three years.

HMP Castle Huntly is an open prison and operates under different security arrangements from closed prisons. Individuals held there are assessed as low risk and are preparing for release, often taking part in community work placements.

For this reason, the term "escape" does not apply in the same way as it does in a closed prison. Where an individual does not return from temporary release, this is recorded as an abscond or failure to return, rather than an escape.

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