



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ26201

25 September 2026

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 03 September 2026 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

For reference, you requested:

Liberation money. I have defined liberation money to be tax payers money. Funds distributed from government, rather than any private held funds.

RFI 1: "Total amount of liberation money given to those whom exit S.P.S., prisons' past five full financial years? From the most recent financial year close of 2026-2021..".

RFI 2: "A breakdown of 1), based upon each prison managed by S.P.S? Same time scale as 1)."

RFI 3: "Actual amount given to a prisoner and any increases in that amount up until 3 September? Same time scale as 1), and part of the financial year that of 2026-2027."

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

RFI 1 & 2 Response: For the purposes of this response, SPS has interpreted "liberation money" as liberation grants paid to individuals on release from custody. Please see data below under Annex A.

RFI 3 Response: The table below shows the liberation grant payable upon release during the period requested.

Year	Liberation Grant Amount
01 Apr 2021 to 05 July 2022	Over 25 Years of Age - £72.64 Under 25 Years of Age - £58.03
06 July 2022 to 03 September 2026	All Ages - £77

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 Adviser

Annex A

RFI 1 & 2 – Table below shows total amount of liberation money and by establishment. The figures have been extracted from SPS finance records and are presented according to the establishment against which the expenditure was recorded.

Please note:

- A dash (–) indicates that no liberation grant expenditure was recorded against that establishment for the relevant financial year.
- 2026-27 figures are up to 03 Sep 2026.

Establishments	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	Grand Total
HMP Addiewell	£31,973.28	£35,007.12	£43,695.11	£40,623.22	£37,431.27	£19,936.50	£208,666.50
HMP Barlinnie	£88,193.92	£78,827.21	£85,531.86	£87,480.34	£89,804.11	£46,166.82	£476,004.26
HMP Castle Huntly	£8,818.03	£9,261.77	£11,960.60	£13,321.00	£12,474.00	£6,391.00	£62,226.40
HMP & YOI Cornton Vale	-	£2,792.32	-	£231.00	-	-	£3,023.32
HMP Dumfries	£8,726.61	£10,209.86	£9,971.40	£8,640.52	£9,824.16	£4,392.85	£51,765.40
HMP Edinburgh	£36,604.15	£37,930.82	£36,200.40	£30,190.30	£30,321.10	£13,472.00	£184,718.77
HMP Glenochil	£40,955.12	£43,190.11	£38,318.10	£39,104.28	£31,396.23	£11,813.99	£204,777.83
HMP & YOI Grampian	£32,227.27	£27,067.86	£28,973.66	£27,841.27	£31,698.75	£16,627.61	£164,436.42
HMP Greenock	£12,717.66	£14,595.57	£18,916.20	£24,881.45	£22,902.75	£8,864.40	£102,878.03
HMP Inverness	£11,152.41	£13,119.00	£10,619.40	£11,978.84	£10,868.60	£5,260.04	£62,998.29
HMP Kilmarnock	£46,601.65	£39,627.90	£53,930.90	£53,412.82	£53,107.87	£24,068.08	£270,749.22
HMP Low Moss	£53,067.02	£53,629.44	£54,331.20	£52,701.45	£49,626.20	£26,946.75	£290,302.06
HMP Perth	£32,536.65	£26,728.46	£32,133.20	£34,863.94	£31,516.75	£15,421.02	£173,200.02
HMP & YOI Polmont	£18,674.94	£15,395.81	£21,201.34	£52,184.69	£73,292.30	£28,306.25	£209,055.33
HMP Shotts	£3,356.86	£5,610.92	£3,959.91	£4,591.00	£4,980.40	£2,129.50	£24,628.59
HMP & YOI Stirling	-	£1,403.95	£13,650.75	£21,077.30	£15,820.05	£8,769.24	£60,721.29
Grand Total	£425,605.57	£414,398.12	£463,394.03	£503,123.42	£505,064.54	£238,566.05	£2,550,151.73