



**HEADQUARTERS**  
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**Our Ref:** HQ24079

6 August 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 8 July 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

**RFI 1:** “As of 01 July 2024, how many people in Scottish prisons are serving over ten years of a determinate sentence?”

**RFI 2:** “As of the same date, how many people in Scottish prisons are serving between 4 years and 9 years 11 months?”

**RFI 3:** “As of the same date, how many are serving life sentences (not counting OLRs)?”

**RFI 4:** “As of the same date, how many have been in prison for a continuous ten or more years?”

**RFI 5:** “As of the same date, how many are serving OLRs?”

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

**RFI 1 Response:** On 1 July 2024 there were 432 prisoners serving over ten years of a determinate sentence.

**RFI 2 Response:** On 1 July 2024 there were 2016 prisoners serving between 4 years and 9 years 11 months.

**RFI 3 Response:** Due to the way the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) Prisoner Records system records data, under section 17 of FOI(S)A I can advise that we do not hold this information for 1 July 2024. However, I can advise that on 31 July 2024 there were 758 life sentence prisoners and 125 life recall prisoners in custody.

**RFI 4 Response:** Under section 17 of FOI(S)A I can advise that we do not hold this information. The SPS Prisoner Records system does not aggregate data to an individual level to allow us to provide you with an accurate response.

**RFI 5 Response:** Due to the way the SPS Prisoner Records system records data, under section 17 of FOI(S)A I can advise that we do not hold this information for 1 July 2024. However, I can advise that on 31 July 2024 there were 227 OLR prisoners in custody.

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