



HEADQUARTERS
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Our Ref: HQ24196

26 November 2024

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 29 October 2024 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested:

RFI 1: "In each year since 2019-20, including the current year to date how many foreign language interpreters has this body employed?"

RFI 2: "In each year since 2019-20, including the current year to date how much has this body spent on foreign language interpreters?"

RFI 3: "In relation to Questions 1 and 2, could these answers further be broken down by language?"

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

RFI 1 Response: The Scottish Prison Service (SPS) do not employ any foreign language interpreters. We have a supplier through our Procurement Framework who undertake the provision of interpretation services for those in our care.

RFI 2 Response: Please see table below:

Year	Interpretation Costs
2019 – 20	£24,000
2020 – 21	£28,000
2021 – 22	£26,000
2022 – 23	£30,000
2023 – 24	£52,000
2024 – 25*	£25,000

*Until October 2024

RFI 3 Response: Under section 17 of FOI(S)A I can advise that SPS do not hold the information requested.

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

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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

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