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Dear Mr Mercer

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002
SUBJECT: MISSING SEX OFFENDERS

I refer to your email dated 04 February 2015 regarding the above which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA).

QUESTION

- 1) The number of registered sex offenders in your force area whose whereabouts are unknown?*
- 2) When each missing registered sex offender went missing?*
- 3) The MAPPA category each missing sex offender is managed at?*
- 4) The name of each registered sex offender whose whereabouts is unknown?*
- 5) The total number of registered sex offenders in your force area?*
- 6) How many registered sex offenders in your force area are managed at MAPPA category 1, 2 and 3?*



RESPONSE

For ease, I will answer each of your questions in the order you have asked.

1) The number of registered sex offenders in your force area whose whereabouts are unknown?

There are no offenders subject to the sex offender notification requirements who are missing as of your date of request.

To provide clarity and be of further assistance, a missing person is defined as anyone whose whereabouts are unknown and;

- where the circumstances are out of character; or
- the context suggests the person may be subject to a crime; or
- the person is a risk of harm to themselves or another.

2) When each missing registered sex offender went missing?

Not applicable – see answer to question 1

3) The MAPPA category each missing sex offender is managed at?

Not applicable – see answer to question 1

4) The name of each registered sex offender whose whereabouts is unknown?

Not applicable – see answer to question 1

5) The total number of registered sex offenders in your force area?

Please note, this number will fluctuate of a daily basis and therefore we can only provide an accurate figure when our systems were checked. As of 16 February 2015 the total number of registered sex offenders in our area was 4775.

6) How many registered sex offenders in your force area are managed at MAPPA category 1, 2 and 3?

In terms of the Management of Offenders Act 2005 which creates MAPPA, those offenders subject to sex offender notification requirements (SONR), and commonly referred to as registered sex offenders, are covered by Category one of the 2005 Act. Each MAPPA Category utilises the defined management levels 1, 2 and 3.

These levels are described within appropriate guidance issued by the Scottish Government (www.gov.scot/Publications/2014/06/6359/8). However can be summarised as follows:

Level 1 relating to routine management,
Level 2 dealing with cases where active involvement of multiple agencies is required and
Level 3 which requires management by means of close cooperation at senior management level across multiple agencies and/or because of unusual resource commitments.

It should be noted that MAPPA Level does not necessarily equate directly to risk levels, but instead to the level of active multi agency management required. Whilst offenders managed at Level 3 will not exclusively be of the highest risk levels, in the majority of cases they will be.

In accordance with above, and assuming it is MAPPA levels and not categories that are being sought, the totals are:

MAPPA Level 1	4338
MAPPA Level 2	407
MAPPA Level 3	30
TOTAL	4775

I trust that the information available is of assistance and should you require any further assistance concerning this matter please contact me on 0131 311 3901 quoting the reference number given.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, you are entitled in the first instance and within 40 working days of receiving this letter to request a review of the decision made by the Service. Should you wish to do so, contact details are; Police Scotland, FOI Central Processing Unit, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH. (Or email foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

Once informed of the review decision, if you are still not satisfied, then you are entitled to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. The contact details are: Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, telephone 01334 464610. Should you wish to appeal against the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

Yours sincerely

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