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Our Ref: HQ22061

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Dear Yibing Zhang,

Thank you for your request dated 4 June 2022 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) for:

In each prison in Scotland, in each of the calendar months from 2011 to 2021:

RFI1: How many unlawful mobile phones were discovered?

RFI2: How many unlawful sim cards were discovered?

RFI3: How many unlawful other component parts of, or articles designed or adapted for use with a mobile phone were discovered?

RFI4: How many such mobile phone discoveries were reported for prosecution?

RFI5: How many such sim card discoveries were reported for prosecution?

RFI6: How many such other component parts of, or articles designed or adapted for use with mobile phone discoveries were reported for prosecution?

We have now completed our search for the information you requested which is provided. No data is held for the requested information prior to April 2014.

RFI1 Response: The table attached in *Annex 1* provides a breakdown of recoveries.

RFI2 Response: The table attached in *Annex 2* provides a breakdown of recoveries. There are no reported recoveries for the following months within Annex 2:

- June, August and November 2014
- June and August 2015
- February and May 2020

RFI3 Response: The table attached in *Annex 3* provides a breakdown of recoveries. There are no reported recoveries for the following months within Annex 3:

- November 2014
- May 2015



- April, May, June, July, August, November and December 2016
- January and February 2017
- February and May 2020.

RFI4, RFI5 and RFI6 Response: We do endeavour to provide information whenever possible. However, in this instance, an exemption under section 34 of FOISA applies for the above named requests (RFI4 to RFI6). For reference, I have copied section 34 below.

34 Investigations by Scottish public authorities and proceedings arising out of such investigations:

- (1) Information is exempt information if it has at any time been held by a Scottish public authority for the purposes of—
 - (a) an investigation which the authority has a duty to conduct to ascertain whether a person—
 - (i) should be prosecuted for an offence; or
 - (ii) prosecuted for an offence is guilty of it;
 - (b) an investigation, conducted by the authority, which in the circumstances may lead to a decision by the authority to make a report to the procurator fiscal to enable it to be determined whether criminal proceedings should be instituted; or
 - (c) criminal proceedings instituted in consequence of a report made by the authority to the procurator fiscal.

I trust this answers your request, however, if you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, Calton House, 5 Redheughs Rigg, Edinburgh, EH12 9HW.

Your request should explain why you wish a review to be carried out, and should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 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 faithfully

Grant Marshall

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Operations Directorate
Scottish Prison Service Headquarters



Annex 1 Number of Handsets recovered per establishment, month on month from 2014 – 2021.

	Addiewell	Barlinnie	Cornton Vale	Dumfries	Edinburgh	Glenochil	Grampian	Greenock	Inverness	Kilmarnock	Low Moss	Open Estate	Perth	Polmont	Shotts
2014	Ă	Ä	ა > >	۵	Ec	<u></u> <u></u>	Ō	Ō	드	Ki	Po Po	ō	2	2	S
Apr-14	1	1			2		1		1	5			2		9
May-14	3	1	2	1	1		3			1					7
Jun-14	3		2		1		3	2			1	1			2
Jul-14		2			6	6	1				3		1		3
Aug-14	1	2			2					1	1		2		8
Sep-14		2	2		4	4				4	4	12	2		10
Oct-14	2				1	4	1				1		2		3
Nov-14			1		1	3	3				1				3
Dec-14						5	2		1	1	3		2		4
2015															
Jan-15				1	3	3				1	3		1		7
Feb-15							1	2		1	1		1		13
Mar-15		2			2	2	5			2	3		1	1	3
Apr-15	2		1				4				2				2
May-15		1				1	1				2				3
Jun-15							3			2				1	1
Jul-15		1				2	2				2		1	1	3
Aug-15	2				2	1	1			2	5		9		6
Sep-15	1	1			3	6	6			1	2		3	3	8
Oct-15		6		1	2		9			2			1	2	4
Nov-15	4		2		1	1	1		1	1	2	1	4	1	6
Dec-15	1	3			2	2	3		1		2			5	5

2016															
Jan-16	2	2			1	2	2	5			2		1		2
Feb-16	2	1	1		2	2		1	1	1	2		1		4
Mar-16	3	1		1	5		7	1							8
Apr-16	1	2			5	3	9				1		1		2
May-16	7	2			3	9	4				1	1	7		4
Jun-16	1	2			3	5	1			1	2				6
Jul-16		1			1	1	2			1	8		4		1
Aug-16		2				2	3			2	2		8		2
Sep-16	2	6			18	5	2			1	1		7	2	1
Oct-16	2				14	1	2			2	1		4		3
Nov-16	3	6			2	7	2			4	1		6	2	1
Dec-16		2			4		5			3			5		7
2017															
Jan-17	1	1			5	1	1			1	3		14		7
Feb-17	4	2		1	5	1	3				2		14		2
Mar-17	7	2		2	13	1	2			1	2	1	2		2
Apr-17		1			13	1					6		9	7	3
May-17	1	3			18	2	5		1	2	1		2	2	7
Jun-17	4	1			9	2	2				1	2			2
Jul-17	1	1			18	2	2		1				7	1	3
Aug-17	7	2	1	2	4	4	1	1		1	2		2	4	2
Sep-17	2	1			13	1	2			1	3	1	17	2	5
Oct-17	5				2	3	4	1			5	2	2		1
Nov-17	7	1			6		1			1	1	3	10	2	3
Dec-17	10				3	1	7	1		2			3	2	4
2018															
Jan-18	5	2			1	4	7			3	2		4		2
Feb-18	7				4	3	1			2	1	1	1	1	6
Mar-18	1	1		1		1	1		2	1	2	3	3		2



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Apr-18	3	1			2		2			5		1			4
May-18	5	3			8	6	5			1	2				9
Jun-18	7	3		1	10	2	2	1					4		5
Jul-18	4	7			5		3			3	1	1	7		1
Aug-18	6	4			6	3	3			2	4	1	5	1	2
Sep-18	2	3			2	3	3	1		3	3		2		1
Oct-18	2	6	1		4	9	3			2	4		3	3	
Nov-18	9	16			6	1	4	1		2	1		2	1	1
Dec-18	3	19			9	3	1				1		2		4
2019															
Jan-19	3	3			20	2	2	2		3			1		4
Feb-19	2	2			10	1		1		2	4	2	3		1
Mar-19	10	7				1	15	2			1		14		
Apr-19	9	5			8	1	2	1	2		9	2	3		2
May-19	13	2	1		9	1	6	2	1	1	7	5	11	1	2
Jun-19	8	4			28	3	4			4	7		12	1	5
Jul-19	2	5		2	15	1	9		1	3	4		6	1	
Aug-19	8	6		2	6	1	1	1	1	5	5		5		6
Sep-19	3	3		1	19	5	3			1	5	2	24	2	1
Oct-19	1	12			14		6			3	5	3	18		6
Nov-19	11	5		1	16		4	3		1	3	1			
Dec-19	13	3			10	2	1			2		2	6		3
2020															
Jan-20	9	4			14	1			1	1	3		8	2	2
Feb-20	6	6			4		2			1	1		7	3	
Mar-20	7	5		3	14		1	1	1	3	1		8	1	1
Apr-20	7	7		3	1	5	15	1		1	4	4	3		
May-20	4	4		4	5	10	3			2	2	3	22	1	4
Jun-20	6	7		1	20		1	4		1	2	1	16		
Jul-20	10	4		2	4	6	1						6	2	2



Aug-20	6	3	2	8	1	3	4		2		3	8		3
Sep-20	2	1	2	4	1	1	12			1	5	4	4	3
Oct-20	2	3		14			2		6	1	1	10		4
Nov-20	1	3	3	8	2		2	3	1	1	2	2		3
Dec-20	3	8	1	29	2				2	1	1	3		1
2021														
Jan-21	4	7	3	19		2			2	1		5	2	1
Feb-21	4	2	2	27		1	1		1	1		4		4
Mar-21	2	3	3	10	4	2			2	1	3	7		2
Apr-21	4	2	1	8					2		3	8		1
May-21	6	7	1	10	4		1		6	7	2	4		3
Jun-21	8	4		14	5	1			4	2	1			4
Jul-21	12		1	19	2	2	2		1	1		2		3
Aug-21	9	2		25	1	2	2			1		4		5
Sep-21	1	2		4	1		2		1	5				
Oct-21	5	1		7			1			3		3	4	2
Nov-21	5	2		10	3	1			3	2		4	1	19
Dec-21	11	1		19	3	2				1		2		

Annex 2 Number of SIM Cards recovered per establishment, month on month from 2014 – 2021.

	Addiewell	Barlinnie	Cornton Vale	Dumfries	Edinburgh	Glenochil	Grampian	Greenock	Inverness	Kilmarnock	Low Moss	Open Estate	Perth	Polmont	Shotts
2014															
Apr-14															3
May-14															15
Jul-14						2									
Sep-14												8			16
Oct-14															1
Dec-14						4							3		
2015															
Jan-15													3		
Feb-15	1									1					
Mar-15		1			2		5		1			1			2
Apr-15	1						2			1		1			
May-15												1			
Jul-15													1		
Sep-15					1								1		
Oct-15		1				2									
Nov-15			1		4										1
Dec-15						3								2	
2016															
Jan-16					3						1	1			2
Feb-16					1	2					2		1		3
Mar-16		3			2		1								6
Apr-16	1				3					1					

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May-16		1		2		1			1					5
Jun-16	1			1						1		1		
Jul-16		1								11				1
Aug-16	1			2						1		4		4
Sep-16	2	1		12	4							1		1
Oct-16		2		6				1				3		
Nov-16				3										
Dec-16	1	1												1
2017														
Jan-17	1	2		2		2				1		2		4
Feb-17	1		2			1						5	1	
Mar-17			1	2					2		1	1		
Apr-17	1			2	1					4		7		3
May-17		2		1		1			1	1	1		1	36
Jun-17	1			3										
Jul-17	2									1	1			
Aug-17	1		1		3					1				
Sep-17							1		1	1	1			
Oct-17	3					1			1	1	1			2
Nov-17	1													2
Dec-17	4				2						2	1		2
2018														
Jan-18	3					1			1	2				
Feb-18	1				1				1	1		1		16
Mar-18	2					1		1	2	1				
Apr-18		1		2		1		1	3					1
May-18	2									1				5
Jun-18	1	1		2			1				1			4
Jul-18						7			2	2		1		
Aug-18				1										





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Sep-18	1				1										
Oct-18		1			1	1				1					
Nov-18	3	6												1	4
Dec-18	3	2			8										1
2019															
Jan-19	1				10					1	1	1			4
Feb-19	1	1			6		1				1				
Mar-19						1	6								
Apr-19					6			2		1	2		1		1
May-19	9				3		12				6			2	
Jun-19		1													
Jul-19		2					7								
Aug-19		1								2			4		
Sep-19		1			5										
Oct-19		2			10		1						17		
Nov-19				1							1				
Dec-19		13			10						1				
2020															
Jan-20		1			8		1	1	2	2			11		
Feb-20															
Mar-20	1	1		1	1					1					
Apr-20				1					1						
May-20															
Jun-20	3	13		1	18			4					14		
Jul-20	3			5	1	12							3		1
Aug-20	44	45		7	13	2	17	19			5		12	1	1
Sep-20	56	139		4	23	13	17	29			13	1	25	2	4
Oct-20	37	102			34	7	11	14		3	5		52	5	3
Nov-20	42	59		6	13	21	28	10	2	1	26		37	5	12
Dec-20	33	71		6	45	21	43	2	5		15	1	38	10	7



2021														
Jan-21	42	106	1	8	59	10	12	3	3	5	66	27	48	11
Feb-21	77	71		9	24	11	29	15	1		62	26	4	8
Mar-21	54	57	1	2	46	77	66	3			15	18	8	16
Apr-21	34	68		6	67	21	115	3		5	8	51	10	12
May-21	60	51		4	21	38	30	5	2	1	11	26	19	6
Jun-21	56	46			67	24	27	5	1	2	39	59	26	6
Jul-21	38	38		2	63	20	14	7	2		2	30	12	4
Aug-21	35	44			23	27	12	2	2	2	17	52	6	18
Sep-21	14	35		4	32	2	2	2			1	7	4	16
Oct-21	40	23		1	23	2	3		4		16	31	29	3
Nov-21	51	36		2	46	13	13	5	5	1	26	35	4	12
Dec-21	22	54		2	94	14	20	1	10		16	24	14	17

Annex 3
Number of Chargers/Charging Cables/USB Cables recovered per establishment, month on month from 2014 – 2021.

	Addiewell	Barlinnie	Cornton Vale	Dumfries	Edinburgh	Glenochil	Grampian	Greenock	Inverness	Kilmarnock	Low Moss	Open Estate	Perth	Polmont	Shotts
2014															
Apr-14															13
May-14							2								8
Jun-14	1							1							4
Jul-14						2									
Aug-14															4
Sep-14															8
Oct-14															1
Nov-14															
Dec-14											2		1		
2015															
Jan-15					1					1	1				5
Feb-15								1					1		11
Mar-15		1					2		3		4	1		1	4
Apr-15	2						2								
Jun-15										1					
Jul-15											1		1	1	
Aug-15					2		1				4	1	2		2
Sep-15					2	1	2							1	3
Oct-15		1			3	1	5						2	2	2
Nov-15					2						1			1	3
Dec-15					2	2	2						1	5	2
2016															

Jan-16	1	2		1	2									
Feb-16	1		1		1									
Mar-16	1	2				2								
Sep-16		1												
2017														
Dec-17	1												1	2
2018														
Jan-18						1								
Feb-18	1				1	2							1	
Mar-18	1	3								2				
Apr-18	2								2					
May-18	1	1					1		2	2		2		1
Jun-18	1	2			1									3
Jul-18	3													1
Aug-18	2						1			1				
Sep-18		2				2			3		1			
Oct-18		3			1	1	1		1			1	1	
Nov-18	1	12				1		1	1					1
Dec-18	1	4			4							1		
2019														
Jan-19	1				6			2	1			2		4
Feb-19					3				1		2	1		2
Mar-19	1	1					1					6		1
Apr-19					2					1				
May-19	3		1	2	1		3			1	3	4		
Jun-19					1				2	1				1
Jul-19	3						2		1			1	1	1
Aug-19										2		1		1
Sep-19	1	2									1			
Oct-19	2				7									1

Nov-19	1	1		2				1						
Dec-19	1	1		1					1					1
2020														
Jan-20		1		1	1				1			2		
Mar-20									1					
Apr-20													1	
Jun-20		1		16		1	1					3		1
Jul-20	2		1	1		1			1			3		
Aug-20	2		1	3	2	1	3	1			1			3
Sep-20	3	1		1			1			1	1	1		
Oct-20	1				2				1			2		
Nov-20				1			2		1	1	1	3	1	1
Dec-20		6		7							1	1		3
Feb-20									1			1		
2021														
Jan-21	1	10	1	16					2	2		3		
Feb-21	4	3		4							1	1		4
Mar-21	3	1			2							3		4
Apr-21				35					2					1
May-21	3	2		4	11							2		2
Jun-21	1	1		22	1									4
Jul-21	3			5	2							1		
Aug-21	1			1	1		1	1				3	1	1
Sep-21				6						1				
Oct-21		1		1				1				1	10	
Nov-21				2										4
Dec-21				2						1				