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Dear Mr Maher

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 18106018**

Thank you for your request dated 16 October 2018 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

- The number of staff employed at HMP Perth in 2018
- The number of staff employed at HMP Perth in 2017
- The number of staff employed at HMP Perth in 2016
- The number of guards employed at HMP Perth in 2018
- The number of guards employed at HMP Perth in 2017
- The number of guards employed at HMP Perth in 2016

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

The MoJ does not hold any information in the scope of your request. This is because we are not the appropriate authority to contact on this subject. The MoJ holds information on prisons only in England and Wales.

You may wish to contact the Scottish Government as they may hold some of the information you requested. Their contact details are:

Email: [ceu@gov.scot](mailto:ceu@gov.scot)

Postal address:  
General Enquiries Scottish Government  
St. Andrew's House  
Regent Road  
Edinburgh  
EH1 3DG

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

**Appeal Rights**

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response.

[data.access@justice.gov.uk](mailto:data.access@justice.gov.uk)

Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice, 10.38, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely

Communication and Information Services