

**Document 1**

Tue 31/08/2021 14:07  
RE: FMQ - Prisons due 4pm  
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Lines as follows:

- SPS approved mobile phones issued to prisoners during the pandemic are monitored and are only able to contact pre-registered numbers.
- Anyone requesting their number is removed from a prisoner's handset would be accommodated.
- The story suggests that it was an illegal mobile phone that was used to make these calls.
- SPS will be raising the matter with HMP Addiewell directly.
- Anyone having concerns about unwanted contact being made from those in custody should raise this matter with the prison and Police Scotland.

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 31 August 2021 13:42

**To:** [REDACTED];

**Cc:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: FMQ - Prisons due 4pm

**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon,

Please see request below from the FMQ team regarding this article ([Brute used mobile provided by Scots prison bosses to threaten ex - Daily Record](#) )

The article notes that HMP Addiewell suggested it was an illegally-held phone rather than one of the authorised devices but I don't know if that's confirmed.

Grateful if you could take a look at and let me if you there's any suggested lines to take we can include in the FMQ brief in the event it's raised at FMQs? It may be that there's info we could include in the background box separately from what should be said aloud if there are limitations on what can/can't be said.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** First Minister FMQs

**Sent:** 31 August 2021 12:48

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FMQ - Prisons due 4pm

Good afternoon,

Thank you for providing the attached brief for this week's FMQs. Could you take a look at the article below and consider whether the brief needs updated to reflect this please.

Grateful for a revised version of the brief by 4pm if possible please.

Daily Record 17 **PRISON PHONE BRUTE** A BRUTE jailed for domestic violence used a mobile phone provided by Addiewell prison bosses to bombard his ex with threats. She received 126 phone calls from Brian Smyth on one day alone, a court heard. Smyth also made repeated calls to Kelly McCusker's daughter from his West Lothian jail cell. The Scottish Tories called it "shocking". Every inmate in Scotland got a mobile last year to contact family after (31/08)

Many thanks,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FMQ Officer

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## Document 2

### Email from [redacted] SPS to [redacted] SG

As at the 27 July 2020, there have been 76 breaches of disciplinary offences concerning the inappropriate possession and use of APCDs. There is intelligence, that some prisoners are removing the SPS sim card and replacing it with their own. To mitigate against this risk SPS has put in place a number of security processes which include: a security seal that identifies if the sim card has been tampered with; regular review of handsets and checks against a database to ensure that the person who was issued with a particular phone and sim card still has it in their possession and that it has not been tampered with. Any individual found to be in possession of a handset or sim card which does not belong to them or where there is evidence a phone or sim has been tampered with, will be referred to the orderly room for adjudication. SPS has continued its deployment of mobile telephone detectors to detect unauthorised handsets and sim cards.