

FOI- 202300358582- Information released- Annex B

1. Correspondence between SPS and Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home affairs relating to SPS In-cell Telephony Project dated 12 April 2023

From: [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 2:06 PM
To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; SPS Executive Management Group <SPSExecutiveManagementGroup@prisons.gov.scot>; Rennick NS (Neil) <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; Dalrymple C (Catriona) <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [redacted] @gov.scot>; [redacted]@prisons.gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Subject: Scottish Prison Service - In-Cell Telephony Project [redacted under sec 30(b)(ii)]

See Attachment No.1 - Update provided by SPS to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs regarding the installation of in-cell telephony.

[redacted under sec 30(b)(ii)]

PS/Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs

Please find attached a 2 page submission and associated Annex sent on behalf of Teresa Medhurst, SPS Chief Executive, for Ms Constance's information.

Many thanks
Regards
[redacted]

[redacted]
Office of the Chief Executive
[redacted]



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[redacted]

2. Correspondence between SPS and Cabinet secretary for Justice and Veterans regarding Personal Communication Devices Authorisation

From: [redacted] On Behalf Of Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Sent: 22 December 2022 13:11

To: [redacted] @prisons.gov.scot>; Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; SPS Executive Management Group

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Lord Advocate [redacted]; Minister for Community Safety <MinisterforCS@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Personal Communication Devices (Supply of Mobile Phones to Prisoners) Authorisation 2020 [redacted]

Hi [redacted],

Mr Brown has noted and is content for the Personal Communication Devices (Supply of Mobile Phones to Prisoners) Authorisation 2020 to remain in force until 31 July 2023 at the latest.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] - Deputy Private Secretary to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans - Keith Brown

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Tel: [redacted] | Email: cabsecjv@gov.scot

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From: [redacted] @prisons.gov.scot>

Sent: 16 December 2022 08:44

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans <CabSecJV@gov.scot>

Cc: DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; SPS Executive Management Group

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Lord Advocate [redacted] Minister for Community Safety <MinisterforCS@gov.scot>

Subject: Personal Communication Devices (Supply of Mobile Phones to Prisoners) Authorisation 2020 [redacted]

[redacted]

Attachment No.2 Submission to Lord Advocate regarding The personal communication devices Authorisation 2020- [redacted under sec 36(1) Legal advice]

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

Please find a response **[redacted under sec 36(1)]**. The submission sent on 30 November 2022 (attached) to you provides the background and the rationale for the request.

Can you please advise if you are content for the Personal Communication Devices (Supply of Mobile Phones to Prisoners) Authorisation 2020 to remain in force until 31 July 2023 at the latest.

Many thanks

[redacted]

[redacted]

SPS Headquarters

📧: Scottish Prison Service HQ - One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ

[Remaining email chain redacted under sec 36(1) Legal advice]

Attachments

1. **Update provided by SPS to Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs regarding the installation of in-cell telephony within Scottish Prison Service (SPS) establishments.**

From: Teresa Medhurst
Chief Executive, SPS
12 April 2023

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs

SCOTTISH PRISON SERVICE - IN-CELL TELEPHONY PROJECT

[redacted]

1. To provide the Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs with an update on the current position regarding the installation of in-cell telephony within Scottish Prison Service (SPS) establishments.

[redacted]

[redacted]

Para 3 to 9 redacted as Out of Scope of the request

10. [Redacted as Out of Scope] This will then see the removal of the prison issued mobile telephones.

11. [Redacted under Sec 30(b)(i) Free and Frank Advise.]

12. SPS has a number of other measures in place to ensure continuity of family contact for those in our care, including the Email a Prisoner and Prisoner Voicemail schemes, physical and virtual visits, and access to communal telephones on hall landings.

[redacted]

13. [redacted as out of scope}



TERESA MEDHURST
Chief Executive, SPS
12 April 2023

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Minister for Victims and Community Safety					X

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ANNEX A

From: Teresa Medhurst
 Chief Executive, SPS
 4 August 2022

Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans

IN-CELL TELEPHONY – PHASE 1 - CABLING PROJECT

[redacted]

1. To advise the Cabinet Secretary that SPS has commenced an estate wide project of installing in-cell telephony.

[redacted under sec 30(b)(ii)]

[redacted]

2. [redacted under sec 30(b)(ii)] the introduction of mobile phones was part of a package of support SPS took forward in response to the pandemic. As SPS emerges from the pandemic, the impact of the availability of telephones in cells cannot be underestimated. It has been a significant factor in allowing those in our care to maintain family contact (with the likely resultant benefit to their rehabilitation, ability to reintegrate with their social support network on release, and to prison discipline) and to contact Samaritans in support of their mental health, wellbeing and safety.

Para 4 to 5 redacted under sec 30(b)(i)

Para 6 to 7 redacted as Out of Scope of the request

[redacted]

8.[redacted as out of scope]



TERESA MEDHURST
Chief Executive, SPS
4 August 2022

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