

FOI 202400394076 – Annex A – Extracts in scope

[redacted – section 25(1)]

3 and 4 August: Multiple outlets report on interview with HMP Barlinnie governor Michael Stoney warning the prison needs replacing without delay as it is at risk of “catastrophic failure”.

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

SPS will work closely with colleagues in Scottish Government to accurately represent costs, the impact of delay in the project and the impact on the prison service as a whole which HMP Barlinnie presents.

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

Change (internal or externally driven)

Realisation of risk e.g., [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

The risk associated with timing of contract both from inflation and indexation of fees for design team.

The principle of establishing a strategic alliance was a key objective of the project to ensure that a collaborative approach provides best opportunity to maximise project specific benefits and minimise delays to project timelines by providing ongoing reporting, development, and open access to shared systems [redacted – section 30(b)(i)].

HMCIPS while recognising the fiscal challenges faced by the government, highlighted their concerns around delay to capital projects - HMP Glasgow and HMP highland.

Estimated costs and time-scales will be set out once a final design is available.

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

the most recent full report on Barlinnie from HMIPS in 2019 included a recommendation that “Scottish Government need to bring forward the building of the new HMP Glasgow”.

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

The report raises a wide range of concerns - delay to capital projects, in particular HMP Glasgow [redacted – out of scope]

[redacted – section 25(1)]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

[redacted – section 25(1)]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

We remain committed to modernising and improving the prison estate, to ensure it is fit for purpose for those that live and work in prisons, and supports the rehabilitation of people living there.

Like many large scale capital projects, it has faced delays due to the global pandemic, increased costs due to inflation, and design improvements to meet our net zero ambitions.

HMP Glasgow is being designed to deliver safe and secure accommodation.

Estimated costs and time-scales will be set out once a final design is available and will deliver a real and lasting benefit, both in the city and surrounding area.

[redacted – out of scope]

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

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 12:37 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Cc: Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Finance <DFMCSF@gov.scot>;

Minister for Victims & Community Safety <MinisterVCS@gov.scot>; DG Education & Justice <dgej@gov.scot>; SPS Executive Management Group

<SPSExecutiveManagementGroup@prisons.gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

@prisons.gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @sps.pnn.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]

@prisons.gov.scot>; Catriona Dalrymple <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; Quentin

Fisher <Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED]

@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>;

Communications Justice and Home Affairs

<CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>

Subject: HMP Glasgow - Advance Works [SEC=OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE:COMMERCIAL]

OFFICIAL

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE: COMMERCIAL

PS/Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Home Affairs

Please find attached an urgent 3 page submission from Teresa Medhurst which highlights SPS's intention to instruct Advance Works for HMP Glasgow in early August.

In order to meet current project deadlines and avoid a delay, a response is needed by 3 August.

Many thanks

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]
Head of the CE Business Unit
Office of the Chief Executive
[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 12:41 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Head of Justice Analytical Services <headofjas@gov.scot>; Quentin Fisher <Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Savings Announcement

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

We need to provide information about savings today and I know this is not helpful at all.

[redacted – out of scope]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

Thanks

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

There was discussion on the way forward and the need to set out options clearly, including what any delay would mean.

In addition, the report notes that replacement prison for HMP Barlinnie, HMP Glasgow, are being progressed and that a business case is in process for approval.
[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

“SPS ESTATE: At the beginning of parliamentary recess, the governor of HMP Barlinnie warned that due to severe overcrowding it could suffer a 'catastrophic failure' at any time, adding: "We know that day is coming". He also said that the replacement HMP Glasgow was due to open in 2025, but that has been pushed back until 2027. Given these unprecedented warnings, and your government's poor track record in the delivery of major infrastructure projects, it is important to inform the public exactly what is happening in respect of the new prison, and I would be grateful if you could let me know the current estimated costs and timescales.”

From: [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 12:10 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot> [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; HQ CE Executive Secretariat <HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; Neil Rennick <Neil.Rennick@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Catriona Dalrymple <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Quentin Fisher <Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SpAd View Pls: Glasgow prison - Freelance [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon,

We've had a similar query from the same journalist. Our proposed quote below.
[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

Kind regards
[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Michael Stoney, Governor of HMP Barlinnie, leading on HMP Glasgow, said: “We have consulted with partners and set out a bold vision for a new HMP Glasgow, which will provide the maximum possible benefit to those who live and work there, and our surrounding communities.

“Through a better quality of living environment, and strong relationships with staff, we are determined to help those in our care comprehend and understand how they can move forward and set themselves on the road to a better future.

“HMP Glasgow will be a strong and supportive partner, both locally and to the wider Scottish justice system, delivering a social value that benefits the wellbeing of our wider communities.”

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

OFFICIAL

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot <[REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 12:07 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot; [REDACTED] @gov.scot; [REDACTED] @gov.scot;
[REDACTED] @gov.scot; [REDACTED] @gov.scot
Cc: [REDACTED] @gov.scot; [REDACTED] @gov.scot; [REDACTED] @gov.scot;
[REDACTED] @gov.scot; CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot;
[REDACTED] @gov.scot; HQ CE Executive Secretariat
<HQCEExecutiveSecretariat@prisons.gov.scot>; Neil.Rennick@gov.scot;
[REDACTED] @gov.scot; Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot; [REDACTED] @gov.scot;
[REDACTED]
@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot; [REDACTED]@gov.scot;
Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot
Subject: SpAd View Pls: Glasgow prison - Freelance

SpAd colleagues,

We've had a query from a freelance journalist about the new HMP Glasgow.

Grateful for views on the lines below, these have been agreed with officials.

Thanks

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Issue:

She is asking about progress at the HMP Glasgow site, saying that she has noticed ground works may have commenced. She is also asking if we have updated costs and timescales for the project.

Response:

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: "We are committed to replacing HMP Barlinnie with HMP Glasgow which is being designed to deliver safe and secure accommodation. Estimated costs and time-scales will be set out once a final design is available."

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 10:11 AM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot
Subject: Glasgow prison

Good morning [redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

I am doing a piece for the national press on the new HMP Glasgow and would be grateful if you could confirm if ground works have now commenced at the site in the city?

It would certainly appear to the untrained eye that some sort of construction work is underway and so if you could confirm that.

Some months ago, the SG said it would confirm the updated costs of the new Glasgow prison and as we are now nearing the end of that period, could you in fact now confirm the updated costs of the new prison?

If work is indeed now underway, what are the timeframes for the prison project to be completed?

I would be grateful if you could respond by close of play today (Thursday).

My pieces are typically picked up by the Times, Scotsman, Daily Mail, Herald, Sun, Record, Sunday Mail and Mail on Sunday.

Kind regards

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 5:12 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Justice and Home Affairs
<CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>;
[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>;
[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Quentin Fisher <Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot>;
[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SPAD VIEW PLEASE: HMP Glasgow

OK

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 4:00 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Justice and Home Affairs
<CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>;
[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>;
[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Quentin Fisher <Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot>;
[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Subject: RE: SPAD VIEW PLEASE: HMP Glasgow

Hey [redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Just coming back on this [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

“HMP Glasgow is being designed to deliver safe and secure accommodation. Estimated costs and time-scales will be set out once a final design is available and will deliver a real and lasting benefit, both in the city and surrounding area.”

Best.

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Comments

[redacted – section 25(1)]

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted – out of scope]

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 2:04 PM

To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>

Cc: Communications Justice and Home Affairs

<CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>;

[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>;

[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Quentin Fisher <Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot>;

[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>

Subject: SPAD VIEW PLEASE: HMP Glasgow

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

We've had a query from PA on the back of the Vision for Justice NR which issued this morning, on the date of opening for HMP Glasgow. [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

Best,

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Issue: On the back of the Vision for Justice NR the journalist is specifically asking that with the NR mentioning that reforms up to 2026 include "starting building work HMP Glasgow". Does this mean that the target is now to begin construction by 2026 as opposed to opening the prison in 2026?

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

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“HMP Glasgow is being designed to deliver safe and secure accommodation. Estimated costs and time-scales will be set out once a final design is available and will deliver a real and lasting benefit, both in the city and surrounding area.”

Query

Subject: RE: Transforming the justice system

Hi [redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Just on the below, it mentions that reforms up to 2026 include "starting building work HMP Glasgow". Does this mean that the target is now to begin construction by 2026 as opposed to opening the prison in 2026?

Cheers,

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted – out of scope]

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 12:25 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Quentin Fisher <Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot [REDACTED]@gov.scot>
Cc: Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Subject: POLICY VIEW PLEASE: HMP Glasgow

Colleagues,

We've had a query from PA on the back of the Vision for Justice NR which issued this morning. [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

Grateful for views by 2pm if at all possible.

Best,

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

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Query

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Cheers,

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 2:18 PM

To: Cabinet Secretary for Justice & Home Affairs <CabSecJHA@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@ [REDACTED]

@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Quentin Fisher

<Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>;

[REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Minister for Victims & Community Safety

<MinisterVCS@gov.scot>

Subject: CAB SEC AWARENESS - HMP Glasgow

PO/Cabinet Secretary for Justice

Good afternoon,

For awareness, we've had a query from PA on the back of the Vision for Justice NR which issued this morning, on the date of opening for HMP Glasgow. [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

Best,

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Issue: On the back of the Vision for Justice NR the journalist is specifically asking that with the NR mentioning that reforms up to 2026 include "starting building work HMP Glasgow". Does this mean that the target is now to begin construction by 2026 as opposed to opening the prison in 2026?

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Query

Subject: RE: Transforming the justice system

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Just on the below, it mentions that reforms up to 2026 include "starting building work HMP Glasgow". Does this mean that the target is now to begin construction by 2026 as opposed to opening the prison in 2026?

Cheers,

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 3:09 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Quentin Fisher <Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot>
Subject: Re: SPAD VIEW PLEASE: HMP Glasgow

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Special Adviser

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 3:07:22 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Communications Justice and Home Affairs <CommunicationsJusticeAndHomeAffairs@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; Quentin Fisher <Quentin.Fisher@gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot>
Subject: SPAD VIEW PLEASE: HMP Glasgow

Dear [redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Freelance journalist [redacted - section 38(1)(b)] has been in touch looking for additional information on the timings for HMP Glasgow. [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

- continued modernisation of the prison estate, including opening HMP Highland and starting building work on HMP Glasgow to replace Barlinnie

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

Many thanks

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Cleared response for reissue:

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: “HMP Glasgow is being designed to deliver safe and secure accommodation. Estimated costs and time-scales will be set out once a final design is available and will deliver a real and lasting benefit, both in the city and surrounding area.”

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[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Senior Media Manager
Justice and Home Affairs
Scottish Government

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted – out of scope]

OFFICIAL

From: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 12:29 PM
To: [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot
Cc: SPS News <SPSNews@prisons.gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot
Subject: RE: New Glasgow jail [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Thanks [redacted - section 38(1)(b)] - I've checked and I can't see what the journalist is referring to. [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted – section 25(1)]

Given on-going challenges in the construction market there are risks around increased costs and time-scales.

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

In November 2022, His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Prisons Wendy Sinclair-Gieben confirmed that HMP Glasgow's delivery date will 'likely slip to 2027' despite a previous promise in the Programme for Government of 2021-22 that it would be delivered by 2026. (*Criminal Justice Committee*, 9 November 2022, [link](#); *Programme for Government 2021-22*, 7 September 2023, [link](#)).

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

1. Significant amount of spend on the major infrastructure projects (HMP Glasgow and Highland) forecast for the last quarter of the financial year. [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 10:12 AM
To: [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot>
Cc: Catriona Dalrymple <Catriona.Dalrymple@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Are you free for a urgent call just now? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hello again [redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Apologies for all the emails. [redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

Please let me know any comments on this ASAP within the next 40 min.

Thanks a lot

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted – out of scope]

OFFICIAL

From: [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2023 4:22 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Are you free for a urgent call just now? [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

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Senior Portfolio Manager
Portfolio Management Office
Scottish Prison Service

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[redacted – out of scope]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

[redacted – section 25(1)]

Estimated costs and time-scales will be set out once a final design is available.

Further, a review of capital budgets will take place over the coming months, for publication alongside the draft Budget 2024-25, which will seek to provide clarity on the sequencing of planned projects and the impacts on costs and timescales. We do not consider it helpful to provide detail on pipeline projects ahead of that review being completed. Estimated costs and time-scales for HMP Glasgow are dependent on the final design and will be set out once this is available.

Estimated costs and time-scales for HMP Glasgow will be set out once a final design is available.

From: [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 4:20 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @gov.scot>; [REDACTED] @prisons.gov.scot>
Subject: Month 8 Budget Monitoring Position & SBR [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi [redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

[redacted – out of scope]

[redacted – section 30(b)(i)]

[redacted – out of scope]

Many Thanks

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

Finance Director

Scottish Prison Service

[redacted - section 38(1)(b)]

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