

ITEM 6.2A: CORRESPONDENCE, COMPLAINTS, AND FOISA REPORT

Purpose

1. To provide members with a report on the Council's performance in terms of its statutory obligations under the [Freedom of Information \(Scotland\) Act 2002](#) (FOISA) and the [Scottish Public Services Ombudsman \(SPSO\) Act 2002](#) (SPSO).
2. To provide an overview of the items of correspondence which have been responded to by the secretariat on behalf of the Council, in terms of [standing orders](#) 9.16(b)-(c).

Discussion

3. This report covers the period **20 November 2020 – 22 February 2021**. The following table provides an overview of the number of items under each category, the subject matter and whether those items were responded to within the timescales set out by FOISA, SPSO and the Standing Orders.

Category	Items	Subject	Response within timescale?
Correspondence	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on where to find information on specific sentences (0) • Advice on general sentencing and resources (2) • Stakeholder engagement (1) • MSP engagement (0) • Public engagement (0) • Guideline enquiry (2) • Misdirected query (10) 	One item of correspondence was responded to outwith the timescale and two items did not require a response. All other correspondence was responded to within timescale
Complaints	0		
FOISA requests	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of request for the “information contained within the responses to the consultation” on the sentencing young people consultation. Original request was made and responded to in October 2020; clarification was received in November 	Responded to within timescale.

		2020 and responded to timeously in December 2020.	
DPA requests	0		

Recommendation

- 4. Members are invited to note the content of this report and provide any comments.**

Scottish Sentencing Council Secretariat

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