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Dear

FOI Case No. 15:315

Thank you for your letter of 06 October 15 which was treated as a request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request to the Northern Ireland Prison Service in relation to information on:

- * Prisoners unlawfully at large***
- * Prisoners released early***
- * Prisoners held beyond their release date***

I have asked for information dating back ten years, if this time period is too long please give me as many years as possible to comply with time and cost exemptions. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there are any issues with this request.

Since 2005 how many prisoners have been deemed “unlawfully at large” after being given permission for leave but did not return. Please give me an excel spreadsheet breakdown outlining details on individual cases with columns outlining:

- The year it occurred;***
- What prison they were released from;***
- Why they were released e.g. pre-release work scheme, Christmas leave etc.***
- What crime(s) the prisoner was serving a sentence for;***
- How long a sentence they were serving;***
- How long they were at large for or if they are still at large;***
- Did the prisoner receive any sanctions when returned e.g. increased sentence, loss of privileges etc.***

Since 2005 how many prisoners have been released early by mistake. Please give me an excel spreadsheet breakdown outlining details on individual cases with columns outlining:

- The year it occurred;***
- What prison they were released from;***
- What crime(s) the prisoner was serving a sentence for;***
- Reason given for the mistake;***
- How long a sentence they were serving;***
- How early they were released in days, weeks or months etc;***
- How long they were at large for or if they are still at large;***
- Were any staff disciplined and if so how many and what sanctions were imposed;***

Since 2005 how many prisoners have been held in custody beyond their actual release date. Please give me an excel spreadsheet breakdown outlining details on individual cases with columns outlining:

- The year it occurred;***
- What prison they were located in;***
- What crime(s) the prisoner was serving a sentence for;***
- Reason given for the mistake;***

- ***How long a sentence they were meant to be serving;***
- ***How long they were in prison beyond the date they were due to be released;***
- ***Did the prisoner receive any compensation, if so how much;***
- ***Were any staff disciplined and if so how many and what sanctions were imposed;***

As the requested information has been sourced from many different departments and PRISM (Prisoner Records Information System Manager) it has not been possible for various reasons to give all the information requested.

Please see attached our reply with as much information that was feasibly possible to collate for this request.

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If you wish to discuss this please contact the Records and Information Management Team using the contact details provided at the top of the first page. Please remember to quote your reference in any correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Records & Information Management Team

Unlawfully at Large (UAL)

Year Occurred	Prison Released From	Why Released (Home/Christmas leave etc)	Length of Sentence	Length of time UAL (Days)
	HYDEBANK			
2007	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	2yrs 6 mths	9
2007	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	3yrs 4 mths	<1
2007	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	3years	<1
2007	Hydebank Wood	Xmas Home Leave	3years	10
2007	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	9months	1
2008	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	3years	<1
2008	Hydebank Wood	Xmas Home Leave	3years	161
2008	Hydebank Wood	Resettlement Leave	17years	20
2008	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	10months	<1
2009	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	1yr 9mths	<1
2009	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	3years	<1
2010	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	4years	<1
2010	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	3years	2
2010	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	2years	<1
2011	Hydebank Wood	Compassionate Temp Release(Hw)	2years	<1
2011	Hydebank Wood	Xmas Home Leave	3years	2
2011	Hydebank Wood	Compassionate Temp Release(Hw)		<1
2011	Hydebank Wood	Xmas Home Leave	2years	1
2012	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	2years 6mths	<1
2012	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	5years	2
2012	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	2years 6mths	7
2012	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	3years	<1
2012	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	2years	2
2013	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	5years	1
2014	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	6months	5
2014	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	6months	1
2014	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	2years 6mths	2
2015	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	8months	<1
2015	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	7months	1
2015	Hydebank Wood	Home Leave	6months	<1

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	MAGHABERRY			
2007	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	4yrs	31
2007	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	3yrs 6mths	3
2008	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	8yrs	7
2008	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs 6mths	14
2008	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	9mths	<1
2008	HMP Maghaberry	Xmas Home Leave	3yrs 6mths	<1
2008	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme	9yrs	2
2008	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	7yrs	<1
2008	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme	11yrs	2
2008	HMP Maghaberry	Resettlement Leave	3yrs	1
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme	14yrs	5
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs	1
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs	2
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs 6mths	2
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	1yr 9mths	<1
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme		1
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	6yrs 6mths	4
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme	10yrs	<1
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme	10yrs	10
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	3yrs	<1
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme		8
2009	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	1yr	5
2010	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme		<1
2010	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	3yrs 6mths	1
2010	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs	<1
2010	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme	6yrs	27
2010	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme	13yrs	<1
2010	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	7yrs	2
2010	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	4yrs 6mths	1

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2010	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	1tr 9mths	1
2010	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	1yr	<1
2011	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	1yr	<1
2011	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs	14
2011	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme	15yrs	346
2011	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme		15
2011	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme		1
2011	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	9mths	<1
2011	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme	14yrs	1
2011	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	6yrs 8mths	2
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	16yrs	<1
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	15yrs	<1
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	7mths	1
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	7mths	6
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	3ys	<1
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	10yrs	17
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	12yrs 3mths	4
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	14yrs	7
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	12ys	3
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme	4yrs	2
2012	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs 6mths	1
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	7yrs 6mths	672
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	11yrs	1
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	291days	2
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs	11
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Ctr Unescorted	12yrs	4
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs 6mths	1
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Xmas Home Leave	12yrs	3
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Ctr Unescorted	6mths	2
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	7days	1
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Resettlement Leave	4yrs 6mths	11
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	5yrs	56

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2013	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs 4mths	1
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	1yr 2mths	2
2013	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	1yr 8mths	1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme - Leave	16yrs	1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	1yr 6mths	<1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	302days	<1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	4yrs 6mths	<1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Ctr Unescorted	232days	1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Ctr Unescorted	449days	<1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	10mths	<1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	UTR - Unescorted	14days	39
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Voluntary Work	10yrs	78
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	1yr 2mths	<1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Ctr Escorted	3yrs 5mths 27days	1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	ATR - Escorted	12yrs	<1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Xmas Home Leave	3yrs 6mths	5
2014	HMP Maghaberry	UTR - Unescorted	6yrs 8mths	1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs 4mths	<1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	8yrs	<1
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	3yrs 6mths	67
2014	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	2yrs	1
2015	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	1yr 6mths	2
2015	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	3yrs	239
2015	HMP Maghaberry	Burren Phase 3	12yrs	<1
2015	HMP Maghaberry	UTR - Unescorted	20yrs	1
2015	HMP Maghaberry	UTR - Unescorted	15yrs	1
2015	HMP Maghaberry	Xmas Home Leave	2yrs 1mth 31days	1
2015	HMP Maghaberry	Pre-Release Scheme - Leave	17yrs	<1
2015	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	6yrs	<1
2015	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	3yrs 6mths	1
2015	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	3yrs 4mths	<1
2015	HMP Maghaberry	Home Leave	10yrs	41

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	MAGILLIGAN			
2007	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	3yrs 6mths	3
2007	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	5yrs	1
2007	HMP Magilligan	Town Visit	4yrs	299
2007	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	6mths	2
2007	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	7yrs 6mths	13
2007	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	3yrs	45
2007	HMP Magilligan	Town Visit	9yrs	314
2008	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	3yrs	6
2008	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	4yrs 9mths	5
2008	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	5yrs 9mths	31
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	1yr 6mths	4
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	8mths	1
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	3yrs	1
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	8mths	1
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	3yrs 9mths	9
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	6yrs	<1
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	3yrs	25
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	1yr 6mths	<1
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	11yrs	107
2008	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	2yrs 6mths	21
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	8yrs	2
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	7mths	1
2008	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	4yrs	1
2008	HMP Magilligan	Pre-Release Scheme Mn	4yrs 6mths	4
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	7mths	1
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	3yrs	<1
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	6mths	5
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	9mths	1
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	5yrs	1

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2008	HMP Magilligan	Town Visit	4yrs 6mths	472	
2008	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	8mths	<1	
2009	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	6yrs	4	
2009	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	2yrs 3mths	27	
2009	HMP Magilligan	Ctr Unescorted	4mths	3	
2009	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	1yr 2mths	<1	
2009	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	7mths	1,511	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	5yrs	4	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	8mths	3	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Resettlement Leave	5yrs 3mths	5	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Ctr Escorted	2yrs	1	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	2yrs 6mths	5	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	9mths	<1	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	8mths	97	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	12yrs	1	0
2010	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	6mths	<1	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	1yr 6mths	<1	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	3yrs 6mths	<1	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Town Visit	3yrs 6mths	1	
2010	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	2yrs	<1	
2011	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	13yrs	1	
2011	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	2yrs 6mths	2	
2011	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	6yrs	1	
2011	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	4yrs	3	
2011	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	4yrs	367	
2011	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	7yrs 5mths	11	
2011	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	2yrs	<1	
2011	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	4yrs 10mths	401	
2012	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	4yrs	1	
2012	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	2yrs 10mths	1	
2012	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	2yrs	1	
2012	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	10yrs	3	

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2012	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	4yrs 6mths	6
2012	HMP Magilligan	Ctr Unescorted	8yrs	5
2012	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	6yrs	11
2012	HMP Magilligan	Town Visit	9yrs	1,191
2012	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	4yrs	10
2012	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	6yrs	1
2013	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	2yrs 6mths	1
2013	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	6yrs 28days	7
2013	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	1yr	13
2013	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	4yrs	1
2013	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	2yrs 4mths	3
2013	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	4yrs	33
2013	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	4yrs	15
2013	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	1yr 6mths	7
2014	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	3yrs 6mths	1
2014	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	4yrs 6mths	6
2014	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	3yrs 6mths	2
2014	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	9mths	7
2014	HMP Magilligan	Resettlement Leave	4yrs	2
2014	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	1yr 7mths 30days	1
2014	HMP Magilligan	Ctr Unescorted	2yrs 6mths	7
2014	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	6mths	1
2014	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	10mths	2
2014	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	3yrs	1
2014	HMP Magilligan	Foyleview Leave	6yrs	1
2014	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	1yr 2mths	6
2014	HMP Magilligan	Xmas Home Leave	2yrs 6mths	4
2015	HMP Magilligan	Town Visit	4yrs	1
2015	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	4yrs 6mths	41
2015	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	11yrs	2
2015	HMP Magilligan	Ctr Unescorted	1671 days	230
2015	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	5yrs 6mths	1

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2015	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	8mths	1
2015	HMP Magilligan	Home Leave	5yrs	83

