

Subject: Access to information contained in the Barlinnie prison register and corresponding register index for David Carruthers Taylor's admission in 1939 (HH21/70/135 and HH21/70/72).

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Information requested:

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NRS Response:

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on these records by the Scottish Prison Service. As a result, a full transcript of the extract for David Carruthers Taylor's record of admission to Barlinnie Prison is made available below (please see Annex 1).

We are unable to provide access to the register and index themselves because they contains personal data relating to individuals other than David Carruthers Taylor and remain therefore exempt under s. 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal data relating to a third party). Disclosing the personal data relating to a third party would contravene the General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018. This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

The admission register was also inspected up to the date 30 September 1939 to confirm whether David Carruthers Taylor was admitted for a second time, which you indicated may have been sometime in August 1939. It appears that he was not admitted to prison from the date of his release (6 July 1939) to 30 September 1939.

Annex 1:

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register index (NRS ref. HH21/70/135):

Registration No.: 3675
Name: Taylor, David Carruthers
Occupation: Clerk
Age: 28
Height: 5 foot 7 inches
Where born: Airdrie

The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison register (NRS ref. HH21/70/72):

Registration No. and Sex: 3675 M
Date of Admission: July 5 1939
Committing Magistrate or Court: Central Pol.
Previous Imprisonments in any prison: [column struck through]
Name: David Carruthers Taylor
Age: 28
Height: 5 foot, 7 inches
Education: R.
Where Born: Airdrie
Nationality: S
Prisoner's Home: N.F.A.
Occupation: Clerk
Religion: CS
Health as reported by Medical Officer: Good
Offence: Embezzlement
Particulars of Trial: [struck through]
Sentence if Convicted: £20 60 days
Liberated or Removed – Date: July 6, By whose authority: To Court, To what place:
[left blank]
Remarks: [a tick]