

## SPSO decision summary



**Case ref:** 201005058  
**Sector:** Scottish Government and Devolved Bodies  
**Body:** Scottish Prison Service  
**Subject:** Privileges and Prisoners Property  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C was transferred from one prison to another. He complained that, although he was allowed to buy certain items while in the first prison, he was not allowed to do so in the second prison. We could only look at the way in which the prison staff considered his request, as it is not for the Ombudsman to tell a prison what they should allow people to buy. When we looked at the response from the prison authorities, we found that they had explained why they did not add these items to the list of acceptable purchases. We were satisfied that they had carefully considered the request and given Mr C reasons why it was not granted. We did not uphold the complaint.

### Recommendations

Not applicable.

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