

## SPSO decision report



**Case:** 201102136, Scottish Prison Service  
**Sector:** scottish government and devolved administration  
**Subject:** personal property  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained because items of property were confiscated from him as they were not listed on his property card and, therefore, could not be confirmed as belonging to him. Mr C said he was told that the confiscated items would be returned to him after six months if they were not claimed by a rightful owner, but this did not happen.

The prison rules clearly state that no prisoner shall have in his or her possession, or conceal or deposit anywhere within a prison, any property which he or she has not been authorised to possess or keep. It is prison policy for unclaimed confiscated items to be recycled after six months. Having considered the evidence, we were satisfied that the prison followed the proper process when confiscating the items of property.