

SPSO decision report

Case: 201203265, Scottish Prison Service
Sector: Scottish Government and devolved administration
Subject: earnings
Outcome: not upheld, no recommendations

Summary

Mr C, who is a prisoner, complained that the prison were inappropriately deducting wages from him when he was not required to attend work. Mr C said that the relevant policy said that prisoners should not be penalised if work or activity was curtailed or unavailable due to operations reasons.

Our investigation into Mr C's complaint confirmed that he was employed in the timber assembly work party. Due to high demand within that work party, Mr C would be called to work on a rotational basis to ensure that no prisoners were disadvantaged. However, even when Mr C was not required to work, he still received his full wage payment. The evidence available suggested that the prison were paying Mr C appropriately and there was no evidence to suggest that this was not the case.