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Dear Requester,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: 2022-681899

We acknowledge your request for information seeking:

Please can you provide the number of members of the public ejected from the Scottish Parliament with the reason for the last five years. Please provide this information broken down by year to date. This information should include those asked to leave the various public galleries in the chamber and committees.

Your request was received on 21 November 2022 and has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

The information requested is supplied in the table on the next page. Where disruption to business has occurred, the visitor is asked to stop. If they refuse, they are asked to either leave the public gallery of the Committee Room or Debating Chamber.

Year	Month	Location	Reason	No. of people removed
2018	April	Committee Room 2 Public Gallery	Disruption to business	4
2018	April	Committee Room 2 Public Gallery	Disruption to business	2
2018	November	Debating Chamber	Security breach - Public in unauthorised area	2
2019	January	Public Foyer / Shop	Aggressive visitor	1
2019	January	Debating Chamber floor	Disruption to business	Group 10 to 15
2019	March	Debating Chamber Public Gallery	Disruption to business	8
2020	January	Debating Chamber Public Gallery	Disruption to business	2
2020	January	Debating Chamber Public Gallery	Disruption to business	3
2020	January	Debating Chamber Public Gallery	Disruption to business	2
2020	January	Debating Chamber Public Gallery	Disruption to business	1
2021	January	Garden	Intruder	1
2021	October	Service Yard	Intruder	1
2022	June	Committee Room 4 Public Gallery	Disruption to business	2
2022	November	Committee Room 4 Public Gallery	Disruption to business	1

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We are currently working remotely and so would ask you to contact us by email at foi.officer@parliament.scot

Please find below Annex A, which explains how we handle FOI requests and reviews.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Forrest
Information Compliance Officer

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Post: The Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner
 Kinburn Castle
 Doubledykes Road
 St Andrews
 Fife
 KY16 9DS

Email: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Telephone: 01334 464610

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Website: www.itspublicknowledge.info

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How to contact us

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