

## SPSO decision report



**Case:** 201005069, Scottish Prison Service  
**Sector:** Scottish Government and devolved administration  
**Subject:** clothing  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C, a prisoner, complained because he was cold going to work and exercise. He said there were no jackets available and that it was the Governor's duty to make sure there was proper clothing available for prisoners in line with Prison Rule 27. The prison confirmed that new jackets were available but were being stamped before use, and that meanwhile prisoners could ask for additional clothing or request to use their own jackets. In bringing his complaint to the SPSO, Mr C said the new jackets were unsuitable for all outdoor weather and also that the jackets were only to be used for exercise. Our enquiries found that the jackets were a kagoule type and were shower proof. We therefore considered that the prison had made adequate arrangements to provide Mr C with the relevant clothing.