

Public Authority	Detention Service
Description of the department/directorate/entity's structure	<p>The Detention Service has 7 Blocks where it can house people. Blocks A, B, C, F, G are all in the Safi Compound whereas Blocks D and E are in Halfar.</p> <p>The structure is composed of a Head, who is overall responsible for the running of the administrative and operational aspect of the operation. The Head Office of the DS is in the Safi Compound.</p> <p>There are a number of sections within the DS these are the Motor transport section, Stores, Medical Section, Registry and Control Room, Logistics and Operations.</p>
Description of the department/directorate/entity's functions and responsibilities	<p>The Detention Service provides for the efficient administration of detention centres where immigration detainees are kept in a secure and humane manner. The Detention Service main responsibility is to house persons who are either detained on immigration issues by the Malta Police Force or persons whose freedom of movement has been restricted by the Superintendent of Public Health.</p>
General description of the categories of documents the department/directorate/entity holds (including exempt documents)	<p>The Detention Service holds records of all the Logistical Data such as: Daily Staff Detail, Food Orders, Board Room Bookings, Medical Files of Detainees, Detainee Status, Daily Consolidated Sheets, all communication with regards to procurement and other administrative files.</p>

<p>Description of all manuals and similar types of documents which contain policies, principles, rules or guidelines in accordance with which decisions or recommendations are made in respect of members of the public (including bodies corporate and employees of the public authority in their personal capacity)</p>	<p>All SOPs issued in the DS are kept in each guard room and a main copy is kept in the Office of the Operations Manager.</p>
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<p>Statement of the information that needs to be available to members of the public who wish to obtain access to official documents from the public authority, which statement shall include particulars of the officer or officers to whom requests for such access should be sent</p>	<p>FOI Officers may be contacted by e-mail: foi.mhsr@gov.mt or by telephone: 25689314/306</p> <p>FOI Requests may be submitted by e-mail to foi.mhsr@gov.mt, through the FOI Portal www.foi.gov.mt via the e-ID or through the online form.</p>
<p>Details of Internal Complaints Procedure</p>	<p>An applicant whose request for information is refused, or who is otherwise not satisfied with the information provided, its format or the extension of the deadline for the submission of the notification indicating whether a request would be met or not, may address a complaint to the Public Authority.</p> <p>The complaint should be addressed to the FOI Officer, who shall bring the complaint to the attention of the officer responsible¹. The officer responsible shall reply to the applicant within 10 working days from the receipt of the complaint. The applicant shall also be informed that he or she may appeal the decision or otherwise address a complaint to the Information and Data Protection Commissioner in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (Cap. 496 of the Laws of Malta).</p> <p>The officer responsible shall inform the applicant of the decision taken with respect to his or her complaint, and in the event of confirmation of a decision not to release the pertinent information, shall explain the reasons thereof. Whenever the applicant's complaint is related to the format of the information provided or to an extension of the deadline for the submission of the notification indicating whether a request would be met or not by the Ministry, and the original decision is upheld, the applicant shall</p>

¹ The officer responsible shall be the Director or most senior official within the Department, Directorate or Secretariat concerned. In the absence of such officer, a reply may be provided by the Assistant Director. In the absence of an Assistant Director, a reply would be provided by the officer higher in rank than the Director or most senior official.

	<p>be given an explanation as to why his or her complaint cannot be positively addressed.</p> <p>An applicant may also make use of the Internal Complaints Procedure to report failure to meet deadlines or to send notifications. In those cases where the request for information can be met, but has not been met within the deadlines specified by the Act, the officer responsible shall waive any applicable fees for the submission of information.</p>
Other Information	<p>Complaints may be submitted to the Public Authority by e-mail to the Public Authority by e-mail to foi.mhsr@gov.mt, through the FOI portal www.foi.gov.mt via the e-ID or through the online form.</p> <p>Payments can be made in cash or by cheque payable to the Office of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Home Affairs, National Security and Law Enforcement, at the following address: Accounts Section Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality 201 Strait Street Valletta</p> <p>Applicants are requested to make an appointment with the FOI Officer before calling at the Public Authority for payment and/or collection of document.</p> <p>Working Hours Winter Hours 8.00am – 12.30pm and 1.15pm – 5.15pm</p> <p>Summer Hours 8.00am -1.00pm</p>

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