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Statistical Notice

Further breakdown of First-tier Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber Appeals, 2016

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Background

This ad-hoc statistical notice presents further breakdowns of already published information on the First-tier Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber (FTTIAC) Appeals. The reason for this ad-hoc notice is so the data can be used in a court case.

Further details on FTTIAC tribunals can be found in the Tribunals and Gender Recognition Certificate Statistics Quarterly, England and Wales, published alongside this statistical notice:

www.gov.uk/government/statistics/tribunals-and-gender-recognition-certificate-statistics-quarterly-october-to-december-2016

Users should refer to the Tribunals and Gender Recognition Certificate Statistics Quarterly Bulletin and accompanying Guide (also available at the link above) for definitions of the terms used in this statistical notice.

Table 1 in this statistical notice shows clearance times for Non-Suspensive appeals for the period November 14 to December 16. The timeframe used is from date of receipt in HMCTS to date of disposal in the First-tier Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber). The cohort includes all disposals types – determined by a judge (except if remitted from the Upper Tribunal); withdrawn by either party; dismissed at the Preliminary Issue stage as invalid or out-of-time (except where the PI decision has been set-aside); or struck-out for non-payment of the fee.

Non-Suspensive appeals are defined as appeals where the Home Office/Secretary of State has certified that it is lawful to remove a person prior to any appeal right being exercised. Where an appeal has been certified as non-suspensive the appeal right must be exercised (or continued if certified after appeal lodged) after leaving the UK except where the Appellant is an EEA National when the appeal can be lodged while the Appellant is still in the UK prior to their removal.

Table 1: Number of Non-Suspensive FTTIAC Appeal Decisions, by Cumulative % of Clearances by age of case at Clearance, and Mean¹ Clearance Time, November 2014 to December 2016²

Financial Year and by month	Disposals (Number of cases)	Cumulative Percentage of Clearance			Average Clearance Time in weeks (Mean)
		25 % of cases cleared in x weeks or less	50 % of cases cleared in y weeks or less (Median)	75 % of cases cleared in z weeks or less	
2014/15	52	1	4	12	9
2015/16	780	5	11	22	14
2016/17	708	5	16	33	21
Nov-14	1	0	0	0	0
Dec-14	5	1	1	1	1
Jan-15	12	2	4	6	6
Feb-15	17	1	1	8	6
Mar-15	17	12	15	17	16
Apr-15	32	6	10	12	10
May-15	27	9	14	21	15
Jun-15	51	7	13	25	15
Jul-15	58	5	12	23	14
Aug-15	55	9	16	32	19
Sep-15	82	6	13	25	15
Oct-15	81	5	9	21	13
Nov-15	71	6	14	22	15
Dec-15	60	2	7	17	11
Jan-16	53	1	3	16	11
Feb-16	103	1	11	20	13
Mar-16	107	7	10	26	16
Apr-16	86	8	16	29	19
May-16	73	4	10	23	15
Jun-16	66	6	19	33	20
Jul-16	77	10	25	36	25
Aug-16	105	4	9	29	19
Sep-16	104	4	15	35	23
Oct-16	65	3	16	36	23
Nov-16	76	6	17	37	24
Dec-16	56	11	18	35	25

¹ The average clearance time includes not only cases heard in the First-tier but also preliminary issues (where an appeal is found to be invalid before a hearing) and withdrawals/abandonments during the appeal process.

² Although care is taken when processing and analysing the data, the details are subject to inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale case management system and is the best data that is available.

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