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I write in relation to your email and its request for the release of the following information:

In the past five years, how many Ministerial applications have been made for the use of:

The use of the Public Interest Immunity (PII)

The use of a Closed Material Procedure (CMP)

Please state how many of those applications have been rejected or overturned in court. (Please break down by PII and CMP)

Departmental records show that there have been seven ministerial applications for Public Interest Immunity in the last five years. There are no records of any application being rejected or overturned in Court.

There have not been any ministerial applications for the use of Closed Material Procedure (CMPs) in the last five years. However, you will wish to be aware that there are circumstances in which CMPs can be used without the need for a ministerial application, such as in prisoner release and recall hearings.

