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Provisional management information on Olympic related criminal proceedings

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Using data available as at 17 August 2012 for all cases and data available as at 23 August 2012 for fast track cases.

Background

This note provides provisional management information on the number of Olympic related criminal proceedings heard in the criminal courts and number of proceedings which have been fast tracked.

An Olympic Offence refers to any crime that has or may have an impact upon the effective delivery or image of the Games, such as ticket touting and not only those occurring during the critical phase of the games.

All of the information presented in this notice is based on data recorded on the court administrative case systems. Revised figures on the number of Olympic related proceedings and the time taken from the date of offence to acquittal or sentencing will be published as more information becomes available and the administrative data is quality assured.

Statistics are regularly published in the Court Statistics Quarterly Bulletin on the number of criminal cases dealt with by courts and the time taken from offence to acquittal or sentencing. This publication can be found at the following internet address:

www.justice.gov.uk/statistics/courts-and-sentencing/judicial-quarterly

Olympic related criminal proceedings

As at 17 August 2012, 133 Olympic related criminal proceedings were brought before the courts. Of which, 91 criminal proceedings had received a final outcome in the magistrates' courts and the remaining 42 have not yet concluded.

Table 1 presents the information on the number of Olympic related criminal proceedings dealt with in the magistrates' courts by the outcome received. Of the criminal proceedings dealt with by the magistrates' courts, 62 proceedings resulted in a guilty conviction and a sentence, 25 were committed or sent to the Crown Court for a trial before a judge and jury and four were dismissed.

Table 1. Provisional management information on Olympic related criminal proceedings heard in the magistrates' courts by status of case

Olympic related proceedings	Number of proceedings
Olympic related criminal proceedings	133
<i>Of which:</i>	
Sentenced	62
Committed or sent to Crown Court	25
Dismissed/ Acquitted/ Withdrawn	4
Not completed in magistrates' courts	42

Source: Libra Management Information System and data collected by HM Courts and Tribunals Service

Information on the final outcome (verdict) of proceedings committed to the Crown Court is not available at the time of publication and will be provided at a later date, as more information becomes available.

Fast track Olympic related criminal proceedings

Where Olympic offences are committed and charged in the period 1 July to 30 September 2012 and stated by any court to be directly connected to the 2012 Olympic or Paralympic Games, Her Majesty's Courts & Tribunal Service is fast tracking these cases through court system. A case is considered to be directly connected if the offence is committed on any Olympic site or venue, or any training facility or the complainant or defendant is connected with the Games as a spectator, competitor, official, an employee/worker at an Olympic site, a member of a national Olympic team in any capacity, or is attending the Games as an accredited representative of a media organisation

More recent data made available, as at 23 August 2012, shows 84 Olympic related criminal proceedings had been fast tracked by the London magistrates' courts and the Crown Court. Of these proceedings, 36 were dealt with by the magistrates' courts, 20 had not concluded and 28 cases were sent or committed to the Crown Court, of which 10 proceedings were disposed.

Table 2. Provisional management information on fast tracked Olympic related criminal proceedings by status of case

Olympic related proceedings	Number of proceedings
Fast tracked proceedings	84
<i>Of which:</i>	
Completed in the magistrates' courts	36
Not completed in magistrates' courts	20
Sent or committed to the Crown Court	28
Of which completed in Crown Court	10

Source: Data collected by HM Courts and Tribunals Service

Data sources

Provisional Management information on Olympic related criminal proceedings are sourced from the administrative data systems used in the magistrates' courts, Libra Management Information System (Libra MIS) and data collected by the courts.

The dataset used to produce figures on the number of Olympic related proceedings has been produced by collecting all information on all first hearings in the magistrates' courts related to the Olympics and their current status from Libra MIS as at the 17 August 2012. This information has been supplemented by data gathered by the courts not recorded on the administrative system by the 23 August 2012. Information on fast tracked Olympic proceedings is sourced from information collected by London courts. Quality assurance measures have been carried out on the data to remove duplicates and to correct data entry errors.

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