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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

You made the following request under the Freedom of Information Act in an email dated 4 April.

I would like details of the following:

- *The total estimated cost of responding to Freedom of Information requests in each financial year since the act's introduction [see note]*
- *The total number of requests received in each financial year since the act's introduction - including where possible the total requests answered in full, the total answered partially and the total refused*
- *The current number of FTE posts for which the primary function is to oversee, respond to or co-ordinate obligations under the Freedom of Information Act*

I have now been able to consider your request. I can confirm under Section 1 (1) (a) of the Act that this Office does hold some of the information you have requested.

- *The total estimated cost of responding to Freedom of Information requests in each financial year since the act's introduction [see note]*

We do not hold this information. Any costs associated with responding to Freedom of Information Act requests are incorporated within the salary of those members of staff who have responsibility for responding to Freedom of Information Act requests forming part of their role within this Office.

- *The total number of requests received in each financial year since the act's introduction - including where possible the total requests answered in full, the total answered partially and the total refused*

This Office does hold this information. This information is exempt under Section 21 of the Act because it is already accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain

This information can be found at the Ministry of Justice website

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/series/government-foi-statistics>.

- *The current number of FTE posts for which the primary function is to oversee, respond to or co-ordinate obligations under the Freedom of Information Act*

We do not hold this information. This Office has six members of staff who are involved in the processing of Freedom of Information Act requests. This does not form their primary job function, and they are involved in a range of other work in addition to this.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to Rowena Collins Rice, Director General, at the above address.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



Freedom of Information Officer