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**Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your letter in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

* ***"Number of criminal cases allocated by the DSCC to a solicitor during the period 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010***
* ***Number of criminal cases allocated by the DSCC to a solicitor during the period 1 January 2011 - 31 December 2011***
* ***Number of criminal cases allocated by the DSCC to a solicitor during the period 1 January 2012 - 31 December 2012***
* ***Number of criminal cases allocated by the DSCC to a solicitor during the period 1 January 2013 - 1 April 2013***
* ***The number of cases that were referred to the DSCC but were dealt with by CDS Direct during the period 1 January 2010 - 31 December 2010***
* ***The number of cases that were referred to the DSCC but were dealt with by CDS Direct during the period 1 January 2011 - 31 December 2011***
* ***The number of cases that were referred to the DSCC but were dealt with by CDS Direct during the period 1 January 2012 - 31 December 2012***
* ***The number of cases that were referred to the DSCC but were dealt with by CDS Direct during the period 1 January 2013 - 1 April 2013."***

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

I can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for, and I am pleased to provide this to you in the table below.

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| **Calendar year** | **Cases allocated to a solicitor** | **% of total cases** | **Cases allocated to CDS Direct (telephone advice)** | **% of total cases** |
| 2010 | 34,135 | 21.94 | 121,425 | 78.06 |
| 2011 | 30,172 | 20.11 | 119,850 | 79.89 |
| 2012 | 16,055 | 13.87 | 99,704 | 86.13 |
| 2013 | 3097 | 11.85 | 23,038 | 88.15 |