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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

**I am writing in response to the Freedom of Information request you submitted to this office by email dated 18th November 2015, the detail of which is copied below**

***“Please identify the number of occasions when proceedings were commenced in the High Court of Justice against the Attorney General Office for each year between the period October 2010 to October 2015.***

***Can the Attorney General Office identify how many sets of proceedings identified in answer to the question above sought the remedy of judicial review?”***

The Attorney General’s Office litigation is handled by the Government Legal Department. The Government Legal Department opened files for High Court litigation against the Attorney General (including litigation at the pre-action stage) as follows:

2010 – 1 case

2011 – 5 cases

2012 – 4 cases

2013 – 3 cases

2014 – 3 cases

2015 – 5 cases

The information we hold centrally suggests that all of these cases concerned applications for or threats to apply for judicial review.

These figures do not include occasions in which the Attorney General is the named defendant for challenges which are in substance against other bodies, for example, the security and intelligence agencies.