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Dear XXXX

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 180518011**

You asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

**Please can you update this FOI to include the last two financial years. Thank you  
Please can you tell me the average waiting time for a case to be heard for each of  
these bands and years.**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested and I have provided it below.

I have assumed that your question relates to FOIA request 105217 which was responded to you on 27 May 2016. Within that answer we included information relating to Small Claims hearings where they:

- Resulted in a Judgement or Disposal Order made at Final Hearing
- Settled / withdrew on the Hearing Day – after the hearing commenced
- Settled/ withdrew on the Hearing Day – before the hearing commenced
- Settled / withdrew before the Hearing Day

This question has been answered on the same basis and I can confirm that the department holds information that you have now asked for. I am pleased to provide this to you for financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

<b>Year</b>	<b>15-16</b>	<b>16-17</b>
Not Specified	36	38
Up to £300	28	27
More than £300 but not more than £500	29	28
More than £500 but not more than £1,000	30	30
More than £1,000 but not more than £1,500	30	30
More than £1,500 but not more than £3,000	31	31
More than £3,000 but not more than £5,000	33	32
More than £5,000 but not more than £10,000	33	33
More than £10,000 but not more than £15,000	40	39
More than £15,000 but not more than £50,000	43	43
More than £50,000	35	39
<b>Total cases</b>	<b>64,742</b>	<b>68,377</b>

Notes relating to the above data:

1. April 2015 to March 2017.
2. These data are based on claims listed for hearing, including those which settled before that hearing took place.
3. Any further investigation of individual case files held at courts regarding those claims where the value is not specified within our case management system would incur costs in excess of the limit set by the Freedom of Information Act.
4. The data are the most recent available, and are taken from a case management system so can change over time.
5. The data are management information and are not subject to the same level of checks as Official Statistics.
6. The data provided have been extracted specifically to answer this question and have not been cross referenced with case files.
7. The data includes Small Claims where they:
  - a. Resulted in a Judgement Order or Disposal Order made at Final Hearing
  - b. Settled/Withdrew on the Hearing Day after the hearing commenced
  - c. Settled/Withdrew on the Hearing Day before the hearing commenced
  - d. Settled/Withdrew before the Hearing Day

You can also find more information by reading the full text of the Act (available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents>).

## **Appeal Rights**

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response.

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You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely

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