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Dear XXXX

## Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 180220012

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

- 1) Please provide the total number of ET1 received per month by each hearing centre over the last 5 years.
- 2) Please provide the total number of tribunal claims received per month by each hearing centre over the last 5 years with a represented listed on the casemanagement system (whether that was added at a later stage or provided in the ET1).
- 3) If providing the above exceeds the £600 limit, please replace all instances of "5 years" with "1 year" and/or "each hearing centre" with "West Midlands Employment Tribunal & Central London Employment Tribunal" to the degree that it complies with the limit set.

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds some information related to that you have requested and I have provided it in the attached tabulation. However, our Employment Tribunal (ET) case management and management information systems do not hold all of the information in the timeframe requested.

The system noted above only this detailed data from 1 April 2014 and on that basis I attach data giving the number of claims received per month and the number of reported representatives at the time that the data was extracted (around 9 March 2018) from 1 April 2014 to 31 December 2017.

Notes regarding the attached data:

- You have been provided with the number of single and multiple accepted claims in the reporting period.
- Single claims are made by a sole employee/worker, relating to alleged breaches of employment rights.

- Multiple claims are where two or more people bring proceedings arising out of the same facts, usually against a common employer. Multiple claims tend to be more volatile as they can contain a high number of claims against a single employer – for example in December 2017 there were in excess of 23,000 claims against the same employer.
- You have been provided with the number of single and multiple claims that were recorded as having a representative at the time that the data was produced. This includes solicitors, Law Centres, Trade Associations, Trade Unions and private individuals nominated by the claimant.
- The venues listed are administration venues and will have recorded accepted claims and disposals. However some offices provide administrative services to venues that are just hearing centres only.
- Huntingdon was an administrative venue which included the hearing venues Bedford and Bury St Edmunds until July 2016.
- Although care is taken when processing and analysing the data, the details are subject to inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording system and it is the best data that is available.
- The data has not been checked against published statistics or against information held in individual case files.

## **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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