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Dear XXXX

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 180129002**

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

I have reproduced below a modified extract from the current MOJ Tribunals and gender recognition certificate statistics quarterly – July to September 2017 spreadsheet and I have listed below it the information requested.

Table ET.1 Employment Tribunal - Total number of receipts by jurisdiction, 2007/08 to Q2 2017/18

Index	E		H		I	J	K L M		
	Type of Jurisdiction Complaint		Multiple Claims only				Age Discrimination	Breach of contract	Disability discrimination
Financial Year	Total Claims Accepted <sup>1</sup>	Single claims	Multiple claim cases	Total cases	Multiple claims	Mean number of claims per multiple case			
2007/08	189,303	–	6,582	–	–	–	296,920	–	1.6
2008/09	151,028	62,370	7,356	69,726	88,658	12	266,542	–	1.8
2009/10	236,183	71,280	7,339	78,619	164,823	22	382,777	–	1.7
2010/11	218,096	60,591	5,956	66,547	157,505	26	382,386	–	1.8
2011/12	186,331	59,247	5,662	64,909	127,084	22	321,836	–	1.7
2012/13	191,541	54,704	6,279	60,982	136,837	22	332,859	–	1.7
2013/14	105,883	34,219	3,126	37,345	71,584	23	193,968	–	1.8
2014/15	61,308	16,420	1,921	18,341	44,888	23	129,966	–	2.1
2015/16	83,031	16,935	1,295	18,230	66,096	51	178,079	–	2.1
2016/17	88,476	17,005	1,101	18,106	71,471	65	143,946	–	1.6

1. Please provide the annual total multiple jurisdictional complaints associated with the multiple claim cases shown in column E for each year from 2007/08 to 2016/17.
2. Following on from above could you also provide a breakdown of the jurisdictional complaint types associated with each year's multiple claim cases – ie Age Discrimination, Breach of Contract etc.

I envisage the spreadsheet looking something like this:

Year	Existing Information			Requested Information				
	Multiple claim cases	Multiple claims	Mean number of claims per multiple case	Total Multiple Jurisdictional Complaints	Type of Jurisdiction Complaint - Multiple Claims Only			
					Age Discrimination	Breach of contract	Disability discrimination	Equal Pay
2007/08	6582	..			1508	9800	etc	
2008/09	7356	88658	12		etc	etc	etc	
2009/10	7339	164823	22		etc	etc	etc	
2010/11	5956	157505	26		etc	etc	etc	
2011/12	5662	127084	22		etc	etc	etc	
2012/13	6278	136837	22		etc	etc	etc	
2013/14	3126	71584	23		etc	etc	etc	
2014/15	1921	44888	23		etc	etc	etc	
2015/16	1295	66096	51		etc	etc	etc	
2016/17	1101	71471	65		etc	etc	etc	

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, the data are not for the full period and not in a format which will enable reconciliation with the statistical extracts provided by you.

I should explain that our published statistics are based upon the date that the claim was received. Our Employment Tribunal (ET) Central Database does not have the functionality to analyse that data to the degree of detail required by you. However, it does allow us to analyse multiple claims by jurisdiction and numbers of claims included based upon the acceptance date of the first claim lodged within the multiple claim.

I am providing that information to you, but only for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2017, as the System noted above only holds robust data from 1 April 2014. On that basis, I attach data giving the number of complaints by jurisdiction associated with multiple claims accepted.

Notes regarding the attached data.

- Multiple Claim Cases (MCC) are the groups that were received in the reporting period, based upon the date that the first multiple claim was accepted within that MCC.
- Multiple Claims are the total number of multiple claims accepted within the associated MCC group.
- Total Multiple Jurisdictional Complaints is the number of jurisdictional complaints applied for.
- “Complaints to be Allocated” represent the number of unallocated jurisdictional complaints. This could be due to the fact that the vetting process to allocate the correct jurisdiction had yet to be undertaken or the claim was withdrawn before the vetting process was complete.
- All data was taken from the ET Central Database and as such is management information that is provisional and subject to change.
- Although care is taken when processing and analysing the data, the details are subject to inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording system, and is the best data that is available.
- The data has not been checked against files held locally at Hearing Centres.

Outside of the FOIA, and on a discretionary basis, I can tell you that it is my view that if you were to request the published statistics noted by you to be broken down to the level of detail contained in the attached tabulation, the request could be exempt on the grounds of cost (FOIA Section 12) or data held as part of the court record (FOIA Section 32).

## 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.

[data.access@justice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:data.access@justice.gsi.gov.uk)

Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice, 10.38, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

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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