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Dear XXXX

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 190715025

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

**The number of sitting days or half-days by Recorders in the Crown Court in England and Wales in each of the years for which data is available since 2010?
Please break this information down by court centre.**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

It has been passed to me because I have responsibility for answering requests relating to data in Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS). HMCTS is an executive agency of the MoJ and is responsible for the administration of the magistrates' courts, the Crown Court, the County Court, the Family Court, the High Court, Court of Appeal and tribunals in England and Wales and non-devolved tribunals in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested and I have provided it in the attached tabulation. Please note that the data provided includes both part and whole days.

Notes regarding the attached data.

- The data source is the HMCTS Crown Court Case Management System.
- Data are taken from a live system and as such is liable to change over time.
- Peterborough sittings are included in Cambridge figures from 2017.
- '-' indicates where a court is now closed or had no recorder sittings.
- Part-days have been counted as whole-days
- 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 at the time of publication.
- Data are management information and are not subject to the same level of checks as official statistics
- The data provided is the most recent available and for that reason might differ slightly from any previously published information.
- Data has not been cross referenced with 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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Disclosure Team, MoJ, 10.25, 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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