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Dear XXXX

## Re: FOI Request Number 190906015

Further to your Freedom of Information request by email, dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

I would like to request the following information from HM Courts and Tribunals Service of the Ministry of Justice.

- 1) How many probate applications were granted/approved in 2017
- 2) How many probate applications were granted/approved in 2018
- 3) How many probate applications were granted/approved in 2019
- 4) How many probate applications were granted/approved in January 2019
- 5) How many probate applications were granted/approved in February 2019
- 6) How many probate applications were granted/approved in March 2019
- 7) How many probate applications were granted/approved in April 2019
- 8) How many probate applications were granted/approved in May 2019
- 9) How many probate applications were granted/approved in June 2019
- 10) How many probate applications were granted/approved in July 2019
- 11) How many probate applications were granted/approved in August 2019
- 12) How many probate applications were granted/approved in September 2019
- 13) How many probate applications were granted/approved in October 2019 (if the request is still pending by the end of this month)

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm the MoJ holds the information you have requested and I have responded in order of the questions listed below.

- 1) The service issued 261,310 grants in 2017.
- 2) The service issued 265,057 grants in 2018
- 3) The service has issued 169,329 grants up until the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- 4) The service issued 19,791 grants in January 2019.

- 5) The service issued 21,364 grants issued in February 2019.
- 6) The service issued 16,302 grants in March 2019.
- 7) The service issued 13,232 grants in April 2019.
- 8) The service issued 15,957 grants in May 2019.
- 9) The service issued 16,227 grants in June 2019.
- 10) The service issued 24,133 grants in July 2019.
- 11) The service issued 21,090 grants in August 2019.
- 12) The service issued 21,233 grants in September 2019.
- 13) We are not able to provide the data for October 2019.

## **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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