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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 May 2009, making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested information relating to:

"I'd like to know the numbers, and some details regarding the appearance, in person, of the Attorney General (and, also, those for the Solicitor General), in Court(s) in England and Wales.

Assuming that this is known to the Department, I'd be grateful if these information(s) could be supplied:

- (a) the neutral citation number*
- (b) the Attorney General's reference*
- (c) date of judgment*
- (d) before whom the case was heard*
- (e) web-link to the judgment (if available)*
- (f) main reason(s) for the action/principle argument*
- (g) if judgment was in favour of the Attorney (wholly/partially/not, for example)*
- (h) which Attorney/Solicitor General appeared*
- (i) if Counsel were instructed (if so, whom)*

(j) if skeleton arguments are published/publishable or not; if they are, the skeletons.

(if those could be presented in a spreadsheet/tabulated, I'd be grateful)

Ideally, I'd like information for the last 25 years, but recognize you may not have that much information available within the scope of the Act, in which case, I'd like since whenever reasonably possible."

I have considered your request and in accordance with section 21(1) of the Act I can confirm that the information you require is available by other means.

In regards to your first question regarding all the appearances of the Attorney General in person in the Courts our records only go back to 2001, and these can be found on our website, the address is www.attorneygeneral.gov.uk.

In regards to (A) to (J) of your request, We do not hold this information but it can be obtained from the Court Judgments, copies of all Court Judgments for any of the Court Cases the Attorney General has been present can be requested from Her Majesty's Court Service, their website address is www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Jonathan Jones, Director General, at the above address.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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If you have any further queries about this matter please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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