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Our Ref: FOIA 3224  
Date: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**Mr Christian Lister**  
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Dear Mr. Lister

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### **REQUEST**

**How many searches have been produced since the introduction of the Home Information Pack regulations to the date of this request?**

### **ANSWER**

Home Information Packs (HIPs) were introduced on 1 August 2007. From that day up to and including 16 November 2009 we have carried out a total of 13958 searches.

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**Head of Information Governance**  
**Information Services**  
**Leicester City Council,**  
**FREEPOST (LE985/33)**

**New Walk Centre,  
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: [FOIA@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:FOIA@leicester.gov.uk)

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner's Office**

**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

**Telephone: 01625 545 700**

[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

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Yours sincerely

Lynn Wyeth  
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