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Dear Mr Farnet

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of the 30th July 2010 in which you requested the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

“Most public bodies list the freedom of information requests on their website with status of what was released. You do not supply this data on your website, under FOI please give me an excel (NOT as a pdf) list of all FOI requests you have had since it became law. For each FOI request, please list: date of request; date of reply; reference number/ID; subject/title of the request [each request on the list should include the subject/title of the request please]; status [whether information was fully released, partially released or withheld]”.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Unfortunately it is not possible to answer your request without further clarification regarding the information you have requested. Under section 1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), a public authority need not comply with a request unless any further information reasonably required to locate the information is supplied.

It is not clear as to the exact scope of the information in which you are interested. In order to help us ensure that we provide you with the right information, I would be grateful if you could clarify your request, particularly with regard to the time frame.

The Freedom of Information Act came into force in January 2005. The Ministry of Justice was created in May 2007, by detaching parts of the Home Office (probation, prisons and the prevention of re-offending) and merging them with the Department for Constitutional Affairs (formerly known as the Lord Chancellor's Department).

Initially the task of answering FOI requests was split amongst the various areas of the department. At the end of 2008, the Data Access and Compliance Unit (DACU) was created, bring the function together in one place.

You should be aware that the wider your request is framed, the more likely it is that the cost limit will be exceeded. If it would take one person over 3.5 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it, then section 12(2) would be engaged.

Upon receipt of this information we will be in a position to continue with the processing of your request.

Should you need to contact me, it would be helpful if you quote our reference number.

As part of our obligations under the FOIA, the MoJ has an independent review process. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may write to request an internal review. The internal review will be carried out by someone who did not make the original decision, and they will re-assess how the Department handled the original request.

If you wish to request an internal review, please write or send an email to the Data Access and Compliance Unit within two months of the date of this letter, at the following address:

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If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review decision, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office under Section 50 of the FOIA. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Internet: https://www.ico.gov.uk/Global/contact_us.aspx

Yours sincerely

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