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Dear Edwin Morris

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 1812070110

Thank you for your request dated 7th December 18 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

Dear Disclosure Team, Please advise as to what information you collate and record with respects to courts?

Your request is being handled under the FOIA.

I have considered your request for information but I am unable to answer it without further clarification. Section 1(3) of the FOIA does not oblige us to answer requests where we require further clarification to identify and locate the information requested.

It may be helpful if I explain that the FOIA gives individuals and organizations the right of access to all types of recorded information held, at the time the request is received, by public authorities such as the Ministry of Justice (MoJ). Section 84 of the FOIA states that in order for a request for information to be handled as a FOI request, it must be for recorded information. For example, a FOI request would be for a copy of a policy, rather than an explanation as to why we have that policy in place.

On occasion, the MoJ receives requests that do not ask for recorded information, but ask more general questions about, for example, a policy, opinion or a decision. You may wish to re-submit your enquiry to the Ministry of Justice, which will be treated as Official Correspondence. On receipt of this information I will continue to process your request.

Yours sincerely

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