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Dear Mr. Gregory

FOI 26931

Thank you for your e-mail of 23rd March 2013, in which you ask for statistical information concerning Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) Set (O) applications.

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am able to inform you that the centre for applications for ILR in the Home Office is based in the North West and therefore the information released to you has been taken from the team responsible within this area.

I am able to disclose the following information, and for ease of reference I have listed each question separately, with the answer beneath.

- 1. How many SET O ILR postal applications submitted during the week commencing 23 July 2012 are still pending?**
- 2. What is the current processing time for SET O ILR postal applications submitted in the week commencing 23 July 2012?**

With reference to questions 1 and 2, due to the volume of Freedom of Information requests received and staff being re-directed to assist with case-working applications for leave to remain, we are unable to provide responses to specific time frames or breakdown of application types beyond the application form used by the main applicant. In this instance, we are unable to provide the information on the processing time of the applications that have been decided. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope the information in the following responses is useful.

- 3. What is the current processing time for SET O ILR postal applications submitted in July 2012?**

The average processing time for decided applications of cases submitted in July 2012 is 174 calendar days.

Notes

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- (b) Figures relate to main applicants only.
- (c) Figures relate to postal applications only.
- (d) Figures relate to Set (O) applications raised (i.e. received) in July 2012.
- (e) The processing time is based on the average number of calendar days and relate to decided applications only.
- (f) The data was generated on 26th March 2013.

4. What is the current processing time for SET O ILR postal applications submitted in August 2012?

The average processing time for decided applications of cases submitted in August 2012 is 145 calendar days.

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5. How many set O ILR postal applications submitted over July 2012 are still pending?

Of the applications submitted in July 2012 1,829 are still pending.

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6. What percentage of Set O ILR postal applications submitted in July 2012 were completed within 6 months?

Of the applications submitted in July 2012 53% were completed within six months.

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7. What percentage of Set O ILR postal applications submitted in August 2012 were completed within 6 months?

Of the applications submitted in August 2012 51% were completed within six months.

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In keeping with the Freedom of Information Act, we assume that all information can be released to the public unless it is exempt. In line with normal practice we are therefore releasing the information which you requested via the Home Office website.

I hope that this information meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that the Home Office holds.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference FOI 26931. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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