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Dear Ms Sheizon

Thank you for your enquiry of 11 June 2013 and in which you requested information on visa applications made under exemption EX.1.(a) of appendix FM of the Immigration Rules. This has been dealt with as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I apologise for the delay in replying to your request.

You asked:

*I request information on the numbers and gender split of applications for leave to remain made under Exception EX.1.(a) of Appendix FM of the Immigration Rules (applicants with a genuine and subsisting parental relationship) since the rule came into effect on 9 July 2012. In particular, please provide information on the following:*

- 1. What is the total number and gender split of applicants for leave to remain under EX.1.(a) since 9th July 2012?*
- 2. What is the gender split of successful and unsuccessful applicants?*
- 3. What proportion of these applications was processed within 6 months of the date of the application?*
- 4. What is the number of outstanding applications of this type which have been under consideration for more than six months?*

Unfortunately I am not able to answer these specific questions under this exemption. We are only able to report on data that is captured in certain mandatory fields on the Case Information Database (CID). Additional data relating to leave to remain under EX.1.(a) are not recorded in a reportable format. Consequently, in order to provide the requested information, we would need to undertake a manual case by case search of records.

Under Section 12 of the act, the Home Office is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit. This is set at £600.

The £600 limit applies to all central government departments and is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 3½ days work per request. Prescribed costs include those which cover the cost of locating and retrieving information, and preparing our response to you. They do not include considering whether any information is exempt from disclosure, overheads such as heating or lighting, or disbursements such as photocopying or postage.

We have estimated that to gather and collate the information you have requested would exceed the £600 cost threshold.

However we are able to provide a breakdown all the FLR(M) applications and this is shown below.

Table 1: FLR(M) applications received, 9 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

| Category | Outcome      | Female | Male | Unknown | Total |
|----------|--------------|--------|------|---------|-------|
| FLR(M)   | Successful   | 168    | 145  | -       | 313   |
|          | Unsuccessful | 491    | 649  | -       | 1,140 |
|          | Outstanding  | 1,665  | 2280 | 3       | 3,948 |
|          | Total        | 2,324  | 3074 | 3       | 5,401 |

- (a) All figures quoted have been derived from management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols.
- (b) Figures refer to main applicants only.
- (c) Data relates to FLR(M) applications raised (received) in October 2012 and November 2012.

All of the FLR(M) applications decided applications received between 9 July 2012 and 30 June 2013 were decided within 6 months.

Of the 3,948 outstanding applications, a total of 1,088 have been under consideration for more than 6 months.

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I hope this is of help to you. If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference FO127912. 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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