



9 July 2018

Mr Gary Steel

Via e-mail: request-495038-ee96d88d@whatdotheyknow.com

Our ref: FOI 2018/240

Dear Mr Steel,

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 30 June 2018, in which you requested the following information from the United Kingdom Supreme Court:

My request related to the appointments of Arden LJ, Kitchin LJ and Sales LJ to the Supreme Court - can you please provide me with:

1. the total number of applications made for the three positions; 2. how many of the total applications were women; 3. how many recommendations were made; and 4. how many of the total number of recommendations that were made were women?

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that we do not hold the information you have requested.

It might be helpful if I explain that the recruitment of UK Supreme Court Justices is managed by independent selection commissions, convened by the Lord Chancellor on an ad hoc basis. The process is entirely independent of the Court's administration and, as such, we do not hold the information that you have requested.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your Freedom of Information request to the secretary of the independent selection commission responsible for the recruitment of Lady Justice Arden DBE, Lord Justice Kitchin and Lord Justice Sales. You can expect a response directly.

In the meantime, if you would like to find out more about how the process of appointing Justices works, you can find detailed information on the UK Supreme Court website: <https://www.supremecourt.uk/about/appointments-of-justices.html>.

As part of our obligations under the FOIA, the UK Supreme Court has an independent review process. If you are dissatisfied with this response, 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 following address:

William Arnold
Director of Corporate Services
UK Supreme Court
Parliament Square
London
SW1P 3BD
e-mail: william.arnold@supremecourt.uk

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Internet: https://www.ico.gov.uk/Global/contact_us.aspx

Yours sincerely



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