



Commission for the Appointment of
Justices of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom

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Dear Mr. Steel,

Request for information on applications/recommendations for appointment as Justice

Further to Rebecca Lowson's letter to you of 9 July, I am writing as secretary to the ad hoc selection commissions formed to make recommendations for the appointment of Justices.

As a result of the small number of appointments made, the commissions do not release information on the number or breakdown of applications and recommendations. Advice from the National Statistician has been that where there are small numbers of individuals involved, disclosure control needs to be applied in order to limit the risk of individual identification. For statistics on selection and recommendations for appointment there is a policy of not separately releasing diversity data for any exercise which has fewer than 10 recommendations as this may disclose who has applied for the position and in particular who was unsuccessful.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful.

Yours sincerely

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