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Dear Ms Partridge,

Re: Freedom of Information request – 54514

Thank you for your email of 11th July, in which you ask for:

The total number of individuals that Immigration enforcement were found to have 'wrongfully removed' and "wrongfully attempted to remove" by any appropriate court.

The total amount of compensation issued to individuals as a result of the above.

*Thus two amounts required please. Amount 1: The total number of individuals.
Amount 2: Total compensation.*

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

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.

Court decisions about immigration matters are held on individual files and are not centrally recorded by the Home Office. In order to determine whether a Court had made a finding that Immigration Enforcement had wrongfully attempted to remove an individual would require a manual search of individual case files, which could only be achieved at prohibitive cost.

The £600 limit is based on work being carried out at a rate of £25 per hour, which equates to 24 hours of work per request. The cost of locating, retrieving and extracting information can be included in the costs for these purposes. The costs do not include considering whether any information is exempt from disclosure, overheads such as heating or lighting, or items such as photocopying or postage.

If you refine your request, so that it is more likely to fall under the cost limit, we will consider it again. For example; we may be able to tell you the total amount of compensation provided by the Home Office as this would not involve a manual search of records and could potentially be ascertained by examining central finance records.

Please note that if you simply break your request down into a series of similar smaller requests, we might still decline to answer it if the total cost exceeds £600.

Even if a revised request were to fall within the cost limit, it is possible that other exemptions in the Act might apply.

Yours sincerely

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