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Ref: Freedom of Information Act request no 21379

Dear Colin Yeo,

Thank you for your e mail of 16th January 2012 in which you asked for the following information,

“Damian Green asserted on 15 September 2011 in a speech widely reported in the press that there had been 155 arrests in sham marriage cases in the previous year.

Please disclose the number of criminal convictions in connection with sham marriages in the following years along with the criminal law under which the conviction was obtained:

1. 2010
2. 2011

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

The 155 arrests refer to arrests made during a specific enforcement campaign and are not representative of arrests made for the whole of 2010. From data held there have been the following numbers of convictions in connection with marriage abuse cases:

January 2011- December 2011- 229

January 2010- December 2010 - 87

List of offences:

January 2011- December 2011	
Count of Offence Charged	
Offence Charged	Total
No Offence Entered	1
CLA 1977 S1(1)	12
Common Law	4
FCA 1981 S3	1
Fraud Act 2006 S11	1
Fraud Act 2006 S2	9
Fraud Act 2006 S6	5
IA 1971 S24(1)(a)	1
IA 1971 S24A(1)(a)	28
IA 1971 S24A(1)(a)	3
IA 1971 S24A(1)(b)	9
IA 1971 S25(1)	83
ICA 2006 S25(1)	24
ICA 2006 S25(5)	6
ICA 2006 S25(7)	1
IDA 2010 S4	1
OAP 1861 S57	7
PA1911 S3(1)(a)	27
PA1911 S3(1)(b)	3
Police - Other	3
Grand Total	229

January 2010- December 2010	
Count of Offence Charged	
Offence Charged	Total
Brit Nat Act 1981 S46	1
CJA 1925 S36	1
CLA 1977 S1(1)	1
FCA 1981 S3	3
Fraud Act 2006 S2	6
IA 1971 S24(1)(b)(i)	1
IA 1971 S24A(1)(a)	15
IA 1971 S25(1)	23
IA 1971 S25B	1
ICA 2006 S25(1)	13
ICA 2006 S25(5)	1
OAP 1861 S57	2
PA1911 S3(1)(a)	11
PA1911 S3(1)(b)	7
TA 1968 S15	1
Grand Total	87

CJA = Criminal Justice Act
 CLA = Criminal Law Act
 FCA = Forgery & Counterfeiting Act
 IA = Immigration Act
 ICA = Identity Cards Act
 IDA = Identity Documents Act
 OAP = Offences Against the Person
 PA = Perjury Act
 TA = Theft Act

**Please note, all data is sourced from management information tools (National Operations Database- NOD) and are not quality assured under National Statistics protocols. Figures provided do not constitute part of National Statistics and should be treated as provisional. Statistics reported from NOD relate to UKBA Enforcement teams only and do not include those investigations undertaken by UK Borders or some of the work of our Crime staff in remote locations*

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Yours sincerely

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