



Christopher Bird

FOI 2393

27/11/2023

Dear Mr Bird,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request received on the 14th of November 2023. Your request has been handled under the FOI Act 2000.

Your request for information was as follows:

Please can you provide me with the following information:

- 1) How many enhanced DBS applications have been submitted this year (January 1st, 2023 - 31st October 2023)
- 2) The average amount of days it took for the DBS to reach the stage of being dispatched.
- 3) If you have the information, the current amount of DBS applications in process in total.

Response

The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) helps employers make safer recruitment decisions each year by processing and issuing DBS checks for England, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man. DBS also maintains the adults' and children's Barred Lists and makes considered safeguarding decisions as to whether an individual should be included on one or both lists and barred from engaging in regulated activity.

Please see the accompanying excel spread sheet, which provides the information. We have provided data for all levels of disclosure check – enhanced, standard and basic.

Please note, the information provided is in response to this specific request and should not be compared with any other information previously released

Information disclosed in response to this FOI request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOI Act and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on GOV.UK, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

Your right to request an internal review under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are dissatisfied our handling of your Freedom of Information request you may request an internal review by e-mailing dbsfoi@dbs.gov.uk or by writing to Freedom of

Information Manager, Disclosure and Barring Service, PO Box 165, L69 3JD. You should submit any request for review within two months of the date of this letter.

The Disclosure and Barring Service will aim to respond to your request for a review within 20 working days and in any case no longer than 40 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own internal complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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