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Dear J Roberts,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 200612013

Thank you for your request dated 12 June 2020 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

“Paragraph 18 of MC v SSWP and TM (CSM)[2020] UKUT 157 (AAC) reads:

“18. The absence of a statement of reasons would normally put an applicant for permission to appeal in a very difficult position, given the need to identify an arguable error of law on the part of the FTT. However, in the present case the digital record of proceedings was available. I was able to satisfy myself on two points as a result of listening to the digital recording of the hearing.”

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5edf7f2886650c3eee5d4338/CCS_1139_2019-00.pdf

1. Please provide all information relating to the use of digital recording of FTT proceedings in the Social Entitlement Chamber and a tribunal participant's right to get a copy of the recording.

I'm particularly interested in information on what determines whether a digital recording is made/not made, the length of time recordings are held, the procedure for obtaining a copy and the cost involved. Can poor folk get help with the cost?

2. Please provide a copy of any form used to obtain a copy of the digital recording.

3. Please provide the number of requests (i) received and (ii) complied with for digital recordings relating to proceedings in the Social Entitlement Chamber in the year 2018/19.”

Your request is being handled under the FOIA.

The MoJ is required under section 10(1) of the FOIA to provide you with a response within 20 working days. Therefore, we aim to provide you a response to your request by 10 July 2020. However, in view of the current public health situation, and its possible effect on resources and priorities, we may not be able to reply to you by this date; if this will be the case we will write to you nearer the time with an update.

Yours sincerely

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