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Dear Ms Brewer

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 191125017

Thank you for your request dated 25 November 2019 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

In relation to my original request I would like to clarify my request as follows:

How many extended determinate sentences were imposed with a combined total (custodial term and license period) of 27 years or more from the period when extended sentences were introduced in 2012 to the date of my request, 27 September 2019

and

What is the total number of extended determinate sentences which have been imposed in England and Wales from 1 December 2012 to 1 December 2019

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm the MoJ holds all of the information you have requested. However, to provide as the request currently stands would exceed the cost limit set out in the FOIA.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA means public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days determining whether the department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Information collated centrally by the MoJ does not contain the requested information on licence period length for Extended Determinate sentences from 2017 onwards.

We believe that the cost of locating, retrieving and extracting the requested information from individual case file at the courts in England and Wales would exceed the appropriate limit. Consequently, we are not obliged to comply with your request.

Although we cannot answer your request at the moment, we may be able to answer a refined request within the cost limit. You may wish to consider, for example, restricting your request to cover the data in your first request for the period from 2012 to 2016 only. Please

be aware that we cannot guarantee at this stage that a refined request will fall within the FOIA cost limit, or that other exemptions will not apply.

For guidance on how to structure successful requests please refer to the ICO website on the following link: http://ico.org.uk/for_the_public/official_information

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/3244/pdfs/ukxi_20043244_en.pdf

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response.

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You do have the right to ask the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to investigate any aspect of your complaint. However, please note that the ICO is likely to expect internal complaints procedures to have been exhausted before beginning their investigation.

Yours sincerely

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