

Mr McGregor
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Date: 27/03/2020

Dear Mr McGregor,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 200228012

Thank you for your request dated 28/02/2020 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

'Dear IAC KILO,

Thank you for your response dated 27th February 2020. I'm afraid I don't think the link you sent me answers my request. It is specifically child maintenance related cases I asked for, not all Social Security and Child Support cases. In terms of question 2, data for the past 5 years will be sufficient thank you. However, you may cut the timeframe shorter if needed to meet time limits'

1. *"Please could you provide a year-by-year breakdown of the total number of child maintenance-related cases submitted to the First-tier Tribunal (SSCS)*
2. *For Child Maintenance-related cases, please could provide a breakdown of the length of time take from submission of an application to the tribunal, to a decision being made by the tribunal. Please provide a breakdown as follows:*

*Within 3 months: X cases (Y%)
Within 6 months: X cases (Y%)
Within 9 months: X cases (Y%)
Within a Year: X cases (Y%)
Within 18 months: X cases (Y%)
Within 2 years: X cases (Y%)
Over 2 years: X cases (Y%)*

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Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested for point 2 and I have provided it attached. Please note that performance is counted in weeks not in months so we provided the data as close to your timeline as possible.

Please note that in regards to point 1 I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the FOIA, because it is reasonably accessible to you. The information can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/tribunal-statistics-quarterly-october-to-december-2019>

(See Main tables, SSCS_1 column K)

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.

data.access@justice.gov.uk

Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice, 10.38, 102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

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

Nick Pratt

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HM Courts & Tribunals Service