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Dear Ms Montano

Thank you for your enquiry of 26 November 2012 in which you requested information on further leave to remain – marriage (FLR (M)) applications received in May and June 2012. This has been dealt with as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

I am able to disclose the following information:

- 1. From the FLR (M) applications received in May 2012 please report on the length of time pending applications have been waiting for a decision (applications received in May, but still outstanding).*

We received a total of 2,514 FLR(M) applications in May 2012, of which 1,171 are pending an outcome. Pending applications have been in progress for an average of 215 calendar days.

- (a) All figures quoted have been derived from management information and are therefore provisional and subject to change. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols.
- (b) Figures refer to main applicants only.
- (c) Figures relate to postal and public enquiry office applications.
- (d) Data relates to FLR(M) applications raised (received) in May 2012.

2. The proportion of postal FLR(M) applications received in May 2012 which have been completed.

Of the 2,514 applications received in May 2012, a total of 1,343 (53%) have been decided.

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- (d) Data relates to FLR(M) applications raised (received) in May 2012.

3. The proportion of postal FLR(M) applications received in June 2012 which have been completed.

We received a total of 2,532 FLR(M) applications in June 2012. Of these a total of 1,558 (62%) have been decided.

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- (b) Figures refer to main applicants only.
- (c) Figures relate to postal and public enquiry office applications.
- Data relates to FLR(M) applications raised (raised) in June 2012.

I hope this is of help to you. If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference FOI1921/25292. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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Yours sincerely

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