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Dear T. Williams

Thank you for enquiry of 29 June where you requested information on FLR (M) applications. Your request for information falls to be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have been in the process of establishing the information we hold. I am currently unclear about the exact information you require. Section 1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act provides that a public authority need not comply with a request for information unless any further information reasonably required to identify and locate the information is supplied.

1) You requested the following information:

*As of 29th June 2012, how many FLR(M) applications are being processed (i.e. they have been received by UKBA but not yet determined)?*

*What is the average current waiting time for these applications?*

*What is the average processing time for completed applications in 2011, and in 2012?*

Please see the following information which was recently disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please note that we are unable to provide you with information as of 29 June 2012 until the next publication of quarterly immigration statistics in August 2012.

Please see the information below:

1a. The number of postal applications made on Form FLR (M) within the UK for each month from 1 January to 31 May 2012?

TOTAL Postal FLR (M) Cases Created (Main Applicant Only between 1st January & 31st May 2012

Date	Jan-12	Feb-12	Mar-12	Apr-12	May-12	Grand Total
FLR (M)	1,257	1,110	3,517	1,107	1,693	8,684

1b. The current average processing time (in calendar days) for applications made on Form FLR (M) within the UK from 1 January to 31 May 2012?

The average processing time for FLR (M) cases created between 1 January and 31 May 2012, and which have now been completed, is 52.16 calendar days.

Can you please confirm whether you require additional information?

2 ) You also requested information in regards to processing visas relating to the Olympics. This part of your request is currently too wide. To obtain this information would exceed the cost limit.

Can you please refine your request by outlining the type of visa you are interested in?

All figures quoted are management information which has been subject to internal quality checks.

When you provide this information we will aim to send you a full response to your request within twenty working days of its receipt. I look forward to hearing from you shortly. However, please note that if I do not receive appropriate clarification of your request within three months from the date of this letter, I will consider this request to be closed.

Yours sincerely

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