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Dear Catherine Smith,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 200224036

Thank you for your request dated 24 February 2020 which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

I will clarify my request:

- ***“Courts” means any HMCTS building from which the public has access and at which a Magistrate is based. In other words, where a Criminal Magistrate operates from.***
- ***“Current time” means as today and currently in operation.***
- ***Criminal Magistrates Courts are all I require information on.***

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested.

As at February 2020 there are 152 operational courts that hear Magistrates’ cases in England and Wales. This is the total number of court buildings where magistrates’ work has been heard between the period February 2019 to February 2020.

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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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

HMCTS Property Directorate