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Dear Michael Bimmler

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 181103002

Thank you for your request dated 3 November 2018 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

Dear Ministry of Justice, this request relates to Parliamentary Question 178235 by John Hayes MP on "Capital Punishment: Crimes of Violence", submitted on 11 October 2018 and answered by Edward Argar MP for the Ministry on 19 October 2018. Please could you disclose all records you hold relating to this parliamentary question (and its response...).

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

The MoJ does not hold any information in the scope of your request. This is because the response to the parliamentary question conveyed long-established Government policy in this area, and there was no need to generate information in order to produce the response.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty is to only provide the recorded information held.

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

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