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Dear Mr Hussain

Thank you for enquiry of 21 June where you requested information on Further Leave to Remain - Marriage FLR(M) Applications. This has been dealt with as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested the following information.

1) As of 31st of May 2012, how many FLR (M) age review applications have been received to UK Border Agency CLS 12 team in Sheffield?

The Charged Leave Sheffield (CLS) 12 team received 52 FLR (M) age review applications by the 31 May 2012.

2) How many FLR (M) age review applications have been processed and how many are still outstanding for a final decision?

Of these 52 applications 51 have been completed with 1 still outstanding.

3) What is the average current waiting time for these review applications only & what was the average processing time for completed applications?

Applications are usually completed within a month of their receipt on CLS12.

4) Has the UK Border Agency got a dedicated team set-up review these applications & what is the strength of this team?

Within CLS 12 there are six caseworkers working on these cases

5) What is the legal maximum period of decision making under immigration law for FLR (M) age review cases and why these simple cases are taking almost an year to resolve it?

There is no legal maximum period of decision making under immigration law. The longest taken to resolve a case has been 3 months.

6) What is the UK Border Agency target date to finish the review of all these application received under FLR (M) age review category & Is UK Border Agency currently achieving this target?

The remaining case will be completed by 3 August.

This data is based on management information and as such has not been quality assured. It is provisional and subject to change.

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Yours sincerely

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