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Dear Mr Elibank,

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 February in which you asked how many people (on 16 February 2012) were protected persons under Chapter 4 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The Home Office does not hold the information you have requested. You may wish to submit your request to the Ministry of Justice - <http://www.justice.gov.uk/information-access-rights/foi-requests> who lead on policy relating to witness protection and may hold the information you are requesting.

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 **CR21746**. 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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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely

Linda Ingram