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Dear Mr Imlah

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 201215003

Thank you for your request dated 15 December 2020 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

Please could you let me know how many legally held manually actuated release system (MARS) & lever release firearms have been used in a crime in the UK in time frames below?

- 1) Number of recorded events ever?**
- 2) Number of recorded events since they were banned in the Offensive Weapons Act 2019, which gained Royal Assent on the Thursday 16 May 2019 to the present day?**

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

The MoJ does not hold any information in the scope of your request. This is because we are not the appropriate authority to contact on this subject. The Home Office (HO) are responsible for data on recorded crime, you may wish to contact them as they may hold the information you have requested. The HO FOI contact details can be found below:

E-mail:

foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

Write to:

Freedom of Information requests
Direct communications unit
2 Marsham Street
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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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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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