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Via e-mail: Ms Barbara Sunley
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Our ref: FOI 2019-23

Dear Ms Barbara Sunley,

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 15 May, in which you requested the following information from the United Kingdom Supreme Court (UKSC) and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (JCPC):

*How many Sharia courts exist in the UK .and how do these courts in British Law enforce their decisions
.Can any body of people set up their own courts*

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

It might help if I explain that we only hold information relating to UKSC and the JCPC and not the wider court service. The role of the UKSC is to act as the final court of appeal in the UK for civil cases, and for criminal cases from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It hears cases of the greatest public or constitutional importance affecting the whole population. The role of the JCPC is to act as the highest court of appeal for many Commonwealth countries, as well as the United Kingdom's overseas territories, crown dependencies, and military sovereign base areas.

Therefore, as the information you requested relates to other courts, the information you have requested is not held by the UKSC or the JCPC.

I hope you find this information helpful.

As part of our obligations under the FOIA, the UK Supreme Court has an independent review process. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may write to request an internal review. The internal review will be carried out by someone who did not make the original decision, and they will re-assess how the Department handled the original request. If you wish to request an internal review, please write or send an email to the following address:

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Yours sincerely



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Supreme Court of the United Kingdom