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Dear John O'Sullivan,

Freedom of Information Request – FOI2023/00376

We are writing in response to your email received by Post Office Limited (“**Post Office**”) on 28 June, which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“**FOIA**”).

In your email you have requested the information shown in bold below:

“On 08/04/ 2021 new CEO Nick Read said this" In just over two weeks’ time, the Court of Appeal will determine whether a number of criminal convictions resulting from historical Post Office investigations and prosecutions are safe. Only the Court can decide such things. But we can, and we have, expressed a clear view through the stance we have taken in the proceedings. In deciding not to oppose the overwhelming majority of these cases, the perspective of those of us leading the Post Office today is clear." What grounds did Lawyers representing the Post Office have to oppose the appeal of Ian O’Donnell wanting to posthumously clear Joanne O’Donnell’s name?How many appeals have been opposed since April 8 2021 and what does it tell us about the perspective of those of us leading the Post Office today?”

We can confirm that Post Office does hold the information you have requested.

Regarding the reason for opposing the appeal, this information can be found within the “O’Donnell -v- Post Office Limited Judgment” that can be found at the following website:

<https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/ODonnell-v-POL-judgment-150823.pdf>

As the information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, Post Office are not required to provide a copy of the information with this response, under section 21 of the FOIA.

We can confirm that as of 11 July 2023, Post Office have opposed 29 appeals since April 8 2021.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of this response, you do have a right to request an internal review. You can do this by writing to the address above within 40 working days of receipt of this response stating your reasons for your internal review request or alternatively, by emailing information.rights@postoffice.co.uk.

If, having requested an internal review by Post Office, you are still not satisfied with our response you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Yours sincerely,

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