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Dear Jamie Bell

Re: Freedom of Information – 43336

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 March, in which you ask for information regarding work in Immigration Removal Centres. Your request is being handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Specifically you ask for:

1. *How many immigration detainees undertook paid work in from 1.1.2016-27.03.2017 in Harmondsworth and Colnbrook IRC?*
2. *How many hours of paid work immigration detainees undertook from 1.1.2016-27.03.2017 in Harmondsworth and Colnbrook IRC*
3. *How much in salary was paid to immigration detainees from 1.1.2016-27.03.2017 in Harmondsworth and Colnbrook IRC*
4. *How many immigration detainees lost their entitlement to paid work 1.1.2016-27.03.2017 in Harmondsworth and Colnbrook IRC?*

We are considering your request. Although the Act carries a presumption in favour of disclosure, it provides exemptions which may be used to withhold information in specified circumstances. Some of these exemptions, referred to as 'qualified exemptions', are subject to a public interest test. This test is used to balance the public interest in disclosure against the public interest in favour of withholding the information. The Act allows us to exceed the 20 working day response target where we need to consider the public interest test fully.

Some of the information you have requested is being considered under the exemptions in sections 31(1) (e) & (f) of the Act, which relate to; the operation of immigration control; and the maintenance of security and good order in prisons or other detention facilities. These are qualified exemptions and to consider the public interest test fully we need to extend the 20 working day response period. We now aim to let you have a full response by 22 May.

Yours sincerely

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