Ministry of Justice

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Dear [redacted]

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 201117009

Thank you for your request dated 17 November in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

Yes, we would ask for data specifically in relation to men and women sentenced to life with a tariff of 15 years or more, which they received when they were 25 or younger. We would like the figures broken down by: - year 2013-2020 - sex (for 2013 and 2020 please, if all years 2013-2020 aren't possible) - ethnicity (for 2013 and 2020 please, if all years 2013-2020 are not possible)

Your request has been handled under the FOIA.

I can confirm that the MoJ holds the information that you have requested, and I have provided it in Tables 1 & 2 below:

Table 1: Number of offenders in custody on 30 June 2013-2020 serving a life sentence (received when aged up to 25) with tariff length of 15 years+, broken down by gender:

Status	Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Recalled Life	Male	4	6	7	7	7	7	11	19
Unreleased Life	Female	22	27	27	31	34	34	34	35
	Male	895	971	1,039	1,099	1,136	1,197	1,253	1,359
	Unknown	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

Table 2: Number of offenders in custody on 30 June 2013-2020 serving a life sentence (received when aged up to 25) with tariff length of 15 years+, broken down by ethnicity:

Status	Gender	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Recalled Life	White	3	6	6	6	6	5	10	16
	Asian / Asian British	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	Black / Black British	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2
	Chinese / Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Unreleased Life	White	540	568	592	630	649	665	679	708
	Mixed	55	68	77	86	86	90	103	122
	Asian / Asian British	84	91	106	114	115	123	126	134
	Black / Black British	219	245	268	290	306	339	363	410
	Chinese / Other	8	10	9	12	11	10	13	17
	Not Stated/Unknown	11	16	14	0	3	4	3	3

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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