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Dear Dr Laura Janes

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 230607016

Thank you for your request dated 7 June 2023 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

The number of applications to the secretary of state for pre-tariff sifts before the parole reviews each month since June 2021 and, for each month, the outcome of each of those applications.

I understand that you have received a response to your recent Freedom of Information Request on 07 July 2023. However, it has come to our attention that some of the information provided to you was incorrect. I apologise for this and have provided an amended response below. For ease, I have highlighted the figures which have been corrected.

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 this in the table below:

	Total number of Applications to the Secretary of State for pre-tariff sifts each month	Outcome of Application-Pre tariff review to proceed	Outcome of Application-Pre tariff review cancelled	Cases awaiting to be sifted
June 2021	23	8	15	n/a
July 2021	29	12	17	n/a
August 2021	19	12	7	n/a
September 2021	19	11	8	n/a
October 2021	22	12	10	n/a
November 2021	21	13	8	n/a
December 2021	20	12	8	n/a
January 2022	23	14	9	n/a
February 2022	34	19	15	n/a
March 2022	23	6	17	n/a

April 2022	15	3	12	n/a
May 2022	16	5	11	n/a
June 2022	23	7	16	n/a
July 2022	19	4	15	n/a
August 2022	14	1	13	n/a
September 2022	25	1	24	n/a
October 2022	31	6	25	n/a
November 2022	10	0	10	n/a
December 2022	19	3	16	n/a
January 2023	19	3	16	n/a
February 2023	18	1	13	4
March 2023	32	5	16	11
April 2023	17	2	6	9
May 2023	17	1	4	12

We have introduced a set of landmark reforms designed to restore public confidence in the parole system, including a tougher Parole Board release test to ensure prisoners who still pose a risk are kept behind bars and a new power for the Justice Secretary to block the release of the most dangerous offenders in the interests of public safety.

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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Disclosure Team, Ministry of Justice

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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