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Dear Dr Janes,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 250305001

Thank you for your request dated 5 March 2025 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ):

“Can you please advise how many IPP or DPP prisoners have been released on RARR since the relevant provisions of the Victims and Prisoners Act have been introduced?”

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 below.

From 1 November 2024, the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 provided the Secretary of State for Justice with the power to re-release prisoners on licence who are serving a sentence of Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) or Detention for Public Protection (DPP) who have been recalled at any point, without the need for a decision to be made by the Parole Board. The Secretary of State’s power to re-release a recalled IPP or DPP prisoner on a licence is used at the discretion of the Secretary of State and is undertaken by officials under formal delegated authority. The process by which the Secretary of State assesses such cases is called a ‘Risk Assessed Recall Review’ (RARR).

Since the introduction of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, the Secretary of State for Justice has agreed the re-release of 21 offenders serving either a IPP or DPP sentence through the RARR process, as of 20 March 2025.

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 40 working days 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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