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Dear Dr Janes

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 250322005

Thank you for your request dated 22 March 2025 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MOJ):

Please advise on how many occasions the Secretary of State has exercised discretion to disapply the recall period in accordance with Section 32ZZA (4) of Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 (life sentences) since the provision came into force?

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.

As of today's date, the Secretary of State has not disapplied the recall period in accordance with Section 32ZZA (4) of Crime (Sentences) Act 1997 (life sentences) in any case since the provision was introduced, for any IPP offender recalled on or after 1 November 2024.

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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