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Freedom of Information Request

Dear Mr. Scarth,

Thank you for your email of 23 March 2015, in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

“Would you please inform me (a) How many appeals there have been since 1st January 2011 against decisions of the Information Commissioner? (b) How many have been granted, & how many have been dismissed? (c) How many appeals have been heard by Judge N J Warren? (d) How many have been granted by him, & how many dismissed?”

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that the department holds information that you have asked for, and I am pleased to provide this to you.

- (a) Between 1st January 2011 and 31st March 2015 the First-tier Tribunal (General Regulatory Chamber) received **1268** new appeals against decisions of the Information Commissioner.
- (b) The more recent of these appeals have yet to be heard and determined but, to date, **126** have been allowed and **535** have been dismissed.
- (c) Of these appeals which had a hearing, in **40** the presiding judge was Judge N.J. Warren.
- (d) In Information Rights appeals that go to a full hearing, the tribunal’s decision is that of a panel of three – a judge and two non-legal members – therefore it would not be correct to describe the decisions as being those of Judge Warren alone. However, in those appeals in which he presided, **6** were allowed and **32** were dismissed. **2** appeals were part allowed.

You have the right to appeal our decision if you think it is incorrect. Details of how you can do so are set out below.

Disclosure Log

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/series/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log>

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Button
Clerk to the Tribunal

How to Appeal

Internal Review

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to an internal review. The handling of your request will be looked at by someone who was not responsible for the original case, and they will make a decision as to whether we answered your request correctly.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email **within two months of the date of this letter** to the Data Access and Compliance Unit at the following address:

Data Access and Compliance Unit (10.34),
Information & Communications Directorate,
Ministry of Justice,
102 Petty France,
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Information Commissioner's Office

If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review decision, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office. The Commissioner is an independent regulator who has the power to direct us to respond to your request differently, if he considers that we have handled it incorrectly.

You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office,
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