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Friday 20 July 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information – 49179

Thank you for your e-mail of 27 June, in which you ask for information regarding Home Office post-detention accommodation. Your query has been handled as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You request:

1. In our initial request we asked:

How many grants of accommodation have been provided under schedule 10 of the Immigration Act 2016 (“schedule 10 accommodation”) to date in 2018? In your response you have stated: “The number of applicants to whom an address has been granted a bail address as at 31 May 2018 is 24.”

Please clarify whether:

***(i) 24 people were released into schedule 10 accommodation; or
(ii) 24 people were granted schedule 10 accommodation, with actual accommodation still to be confirmed or sourced in some cases.***

2. If 1(ii) is the case, how many people were actually released into schedule 10 accommodation between 15 January 2018 and 31 May 2018?

3. Please provide a breakdown of the ‘exceptional circumstances’ which led to the 24 grants of schedule 10 accommodation, that is, please advise how many were:-

***(i) Cases which involved people granted bail by the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (SIAC);
(ii) Cases involving people, including Foreign National Offenders (FNOs), granted bail and currently assessed by HMPPS as being at a high or very high risk of causing serious harm to the public;
(iii) Cases which may infringe a person’s human rights on Article 3 grounds; or***



(iv) Other bases (please describe).

4. Which companies had contracts with the Home Office to provide Bail Accommodation (under s4(1)(c) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999) in:

(i) 2016?

(ii) 2017?

5. Which companies have contracts with the Home Office to provide Bail Accommodation (under in schedule 10 of the Immigration Act 2016) in 2018?

6. How many beds are/were available in total under all Bail Accommodation provider contracts in: (i) 2016; (ii) 2017; (iii) 2018.

7. Please provide a copy of the “schedule 10 proforma”.

8. Please provide a copy and explanation of the “Minimum Data Set” used to assess eligibility for support for schedule 10 accommodation

First, I must clarify the information that was disclosed in our response to FOI 48813 **Annex A**.

The first part of that request asked for the number of grants of accommodation provided under section 4(1) (c) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 between January 2017 and December 2017.

Our response stated that 2,824 cases had been granted a bail address in 2017. We should have explained that this relates solely to the number of persons who were notified of an accommodation address that they could use when they applied for immigration bail. Not all bail applications are granted and not all those who are granted immigration bail move into the bail address, so the figure of 2,824 does not reflect the total number of individuals who have been granted accommodation under section 4(1)(c) and actually moved into the property.

Due to the way the information is recorded on our system, we are unable to confirm the exact number. Under section 12(1) of the Act, the Home Office is not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

We are now in a position to provide a full reply to your new request. I am able to disclose the following information set out in the enclosed **Annex B**.

Figures are based on local management information. This information has not been quality assured under National Statistics protocols, is subject to change and should be treated as provisional.



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If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to foirequests@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk, quoting reference **49179**. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request would be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you were to remain dissatisfied after an internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the FOIA.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A – Freedom of Information Request - 48813

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20 June 2018

[REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of information request – 48813

Thank you for your email of 29 May 2018 about Home Office post-detention accommodation. Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have asked for:

1. How many grants of accommodation were provided under s4 (1) (c) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (“s4 (1) (c) accommodation”) between January 2017 and December 2017?
2. How many grants of accommodation have been provided under schedule 10 of the Immigration Act 2016 (“schedule 10 accommodation”) to date in 2018?

Response to Q1:

The number of applicants to whom an address has been granted a bail address in 2017 - **2,824**.

Response to Q2:

The number of applicants to whom an address has been granted a bail address as at 31 May 2018 is **24**.



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Annex B – Freedom of Information Request – 49179

Question 1

I can confirm that the figure of 24 persons relates to the number that has been granted accommodation, with actual accommodation still to be confirmed or sourced in some cases.

Question 2

8 people have been released into accommodation up to 31 May 2018. An additional 16 have been granted in principle and we are looking for suitable accommodation.

Question 3

- i. None
- ii. 16
- iii. 8
- iv. None

Question 4

The Home Office discharges its statutory duties to provide accommodation under section 4(1) (c) of the Immigration and Asylum Act through contracts with G4S, Serco and Clearsprings Ready Homes.

Question 5

The Home Office discharges its statutory duties to provide accommodation under schedule 10 of the Immigration Act 2016 through contracts with G4S, Serco and Clearsprings Ready Homes.

Question 6

There is no fixed number of bed spaces for accommodation. Accommodation Providers are contractually required to source, propose and provide suitable bail accommodation for all those deemed eligible for statutory support under section 4(1)(c) of the Immigration and Asylum Act and schedule 10 of the Immigration Act 2016.

Question 7

This information can be found at the following link:

<https://horizon.fcgs.gsi.gov.uk/file-wrapper/schedule-10-accommodation-provisions>

Question 8

Please see attached to this response a copy of the Minimum Data Set pro forma.



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The Minimum Data Set is a pro forma sent to Migrant Help to initiate an electronic record on Home Office systems to book accommodation, make payments and manage continuing eligibility for support. The Minimum Data Set is not used to assess eligibility for support under Schedule 10.

Eligibility for support is considered by caseworkers on a case-by-case basis, reviewing criminality and HMPPS assessments against the exceptional criteria requirements. Where the individual is considered vulnerable, Schedule 10 support is considered on review of all the medical evidence provided by interested parties.