

9 February 2024

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Dear Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 19th January 2024 regarding claims for Criminal Damage Compensation.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold the information that you are looking for, and you have the right to have the information given to you. These rights may only be overridden if the information you are looking for is covered by an exemption in the Act.

Please see below responses to each of your questions:

1. Total number of Criminal Damage Compensation claims received by Compensation Services in 2022 and 2023

The number of claims received in 2022 and 2023 was 256 and 248 respectively.

2. Number and proportion of Criminal Damage Compensation claims on which a decision had been made in those years

Year	Decisions Issued
2022	178
2023	209

(It is important to note that decisions issued each year are not directly related to the applications received in that year).

3. Number and proportion of applicants who were successful/not successful in obtaining criminal damage compensation

Year	Award	Denied	Abandoned	Withdrawn
2022	51 (29%)	112 (62%)	10 (6%)	5 (3%)
2023	35 (17%)	162 (77%)	2 (1%)	10(5%)

4. A breakdown of all claims by the type of damage caused (eg fire, bonfire, joyriding, riot, explosion, petrol bomb, other)

Compensation Services does not record this information.-

5. A breakdown of successful and unsuccessful claims by the type of damage caused (eg fire, bonfire, joyriding, riot, explosion, petrol bomb, other)

Compensation Services does not record this information.

6. A list of the s75 data collected about applicants to the Criminal Damage Compensation scheme

Section 75 data is not collected on applicants for criminal damage compensation.

7. A copy of the Equality policy governing the work of the Compensation Services department

Compensation Services is a business area within the Department of Justice and falls within the scope of the Department's Equality Scheme. The DoJ Equality Scheme is being updated but is available from here: [Department of Justice Equality Scheme 2015 | Department of Justice \(justice-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

If you are unhappy with this response to your request for information, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review, please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review, you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask him to investigate whether the DOJ has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF**

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out.

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager