



Department of  
**Justice**

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for further information, received by the Department of Justice on the 06 February 2024, detailed below: -

Can you confirm the below under the freedom of information act: -

Q1. How many IMRs have been recruited to DOJ to help deal with the current backlog?

Q2. How long do expect the appeals process to take?

Q3. What are the names of the new IMRs and skillsets?

This response addresses your questions.

Q1. How many IMRs have been recruited to DOJ to help deal with the current backlog?

**The Department of Justice is currently working with colleagues from Construction & Procurement Delivery in procuring the services of required medical professionals via a supplier. This work is at an advanced stage and a contract is expected to be signed in February 2024.**

Q2. How long do expect the appeals process to take?

**As these cases are based on individual medical circumstances, it is not possible to say how long an appeals process will take.**

Q3. What are the names of the new IMRs and skillsets?

**A contract for new IMRs is not yet in place. However, when these services are procured via an external supplier, the Department would not have the authority to release such information. Exemption 40(2) Personal information where the applicant is a third party would apply.**

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Yours sincerely

**Records & Information Manager**