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**REFERENCE: FOI24118**

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information dated 15th February 2024 as detailed below.

*'I refer to the above and hereby request the following information:-*

- 1. The number of persons who identify as being Catholic who were convicted in the years 2022 and 2023.*
- 2. The number of persons who identify as being Protestant who were convicted in the years 2022 and 2023. '*

In relation to the question you have posed, the Department does not hold information on the religion of a defendant as part of its convictions datasets, or as part of its court records. Therefore we are not able to provide the information requested.

If you are unhappy with the result of 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.

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager**