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Dear Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 19th February 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 2019,2020 and 2021

Calendar Year	CD Claims Received
2019	216
2020	166
2021	207

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

Calendar Year	CD Claims received	Total Decisions
2019	216	186
2020	166	128
2021	207	174

Please note that "Total Decisions" relate to the following types of decision categories: Award, Denied, Withdrawn and Abandoned and to decisions made in each calendar year. Also, there is not a direct read-across between decisions and claims received for each year as it takes a period of time to assess applications.

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

Calendar Year	Total Decisions	Award	Denied	Abandoned	Withdrawn
2019	186	47 (25%)	126 (68%)	8 (4%)	5 (3%)
2020	128	35 (27%)	88 (69%)	2 (2%)	3 (2%)
2021	174	54 (31%)	111 (64%)	5 (3%)	4 (2%)

Please note the following:

The category "Award" relates to cases when compensation was paid. For the purpose of this FOI, the "Award" cases in this category are defined as successful.

The categories "Denied", "Abandoned" and "Withdrawn" relate to cases when no compensation was paid. For the purpose of this FOI, cases 'Denied' are defined as not successful.

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

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Manager