

1st February 2021

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Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information dated 10 January 2021 in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking. Responses are provided below to each of your questions in order:

1) How many applications for compensation were received by purported victims of modern slavery or human trafficking between 2015 and 2020, broken down by calendar year?

Response: The following table sets out details of applications received for compensation between 2015 and 2020 related to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT).

Calendar Year	No. of Applications Received	UK LGD Location of Application	Non - UK Location of Application
2015	5*	2 x Dover, England	3 x Romania
2016	1	Belfast City Council	0
2017	1	West Sussex, England	0
2018	0	0	0
2019	2	Belfast City Council	0
2020	0	0	0

** Six applications were initially recorded in 2015 as being in the Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking (MSHT) category. However it was later confirmed that one application was incorrectly categorised.*



2) *How many of these applications were refused and granted in each of these calendar years?*

Response: All applications for compensation under the MSHT category were accepted; no applications were refused. There have been no applications granted in this period, although two applications received in 2019 are awaiting a decision pending further enquiries.

3) *What was the total sum awarded to these victims, by calendar year?*

Response: There have been no awards during this time period although two applications received in 2019 are awaiting a decision pending further enquiries.

4) *How many requests for a review against initial decisions were received from victims of modern slavery or human trafficking who had been refused compensation in each calendar year?*

Response: No requests have been received for a review against the initial decision from any MSHT applicant for the calendar years 2015 to 2020.

5) *How many of these reviews were successful and resulted in the applicant's favour and how many were unsuccessful in each calendar year?*

Response: N/A

6) *How many appeals were received against refusal of compensation from victims of modern slavery or human trafficking in each calendar year?*

Response: No requests for appeals were received from MSHT applicants for the calendar years 2015 to 2020.



7) How many of these appeals were successful and resulted in the applicant's favour and how many were unsuccessful in each calendar year?

Response: N/A

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Yours sincerely



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