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Dear Dr Alexander

Thank you for your e-mail of 19th June 2017, in which you make a number of requests:

- 1) *What data does your unit hold centrally on inspections that have been undertaken and any enforcement action arising? Please disclose what fields feature in your database*
- 2) *Please advise how many prisons have been inspected in the last three financial years*
- 3) *Please advise how many enforcement notices have been issued in respect of prison premises*
- 4) *If the information on enforcement notices is held centrally, please give a broad summary of the reasons for the issue of these enforcement notices*
- 5) *Has the Crown Premises Fire Inspection Group undertaken any thematic review of prison safety in the last 3 years? If so, please indicate when any such reviews were undertaken and please disclose a copy of the relevant reports.*
- 6) *Does the Crown Premises Fire Inspection Group hold central information on the proportion of the crown prison estate (in terms of the number of establishments) that is fully fitted with sprinkler systems? If so, please advise how many prison establishments are fully fitted with sprinkler systems.*
- 7) *Does the Crown Premises Fire Inspection Group hold central information on the proportion of the crown prison estate (in terms of the number of establishments) that is fitted with flammable cladding? If so, please advise how many prison establishments are fitted with flammable cladding.*
- 8) *Does the Crown Premises Fire Inspection Group hold central information on the proportion of the crown prison estate (in terms of the number of establishments) that is fully fitted with smoke alarms? If so, please advise how many prison establishments are fully fitted with smoke alarms.*
- 9) *Does the Crown Premises Fire Inspection Group hold central information on how many prison fires in each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 resulted in fatalities? If so, please give the numbers of prison fires in 2014, 2015 and 2016 that resulted in fatalities and the total number of fatalities in each of these years.*

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We hold the information for requests 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 9, and, in respect of these, I am able to disclose the information set out in the enclosed Annex.

In respect of requests 6, 7 and 8, the Home Office does not hold the information which you have requested, and you may wish to redirect your requests towards the Ministry of Justice.

I hope that the information held by the Home Office meets your requirements. I would like to assure you that we have provided you with all relevant information that the Home Office holds.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the address below, quoting reference 44320. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

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As part of any internal review the Department's handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you would have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours sincerely



Jeremy Yates
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Annex

Freedom of Information request from Dr M Alexander (reference FOI Case Ref: 44320 - MINH ALEXANDER - 2017-06-19)

<p>1) What data does your unit hold centrally on inspections that have been undertaken and any enforcement action arising? Please disclose what fields feature in your database</p>	<p>Our database holds time records of the fire safety inspection jobs undertaken by inspectors; the enforcement outcomes of inspections; risk scoring; and correspondence.</p> <p>The fields in our database are standard, and set out in guidance which is already publically available at: https://www.google.ie/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0ahUKEwji5JWHgv_UAhXmDMAKHc7VByAQFgglMAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cfoa.org.uk%2Fdownload%2F12191&usq=AFQjCNGhu0he4BM7wJxTYhZZAA9ialuYtQ</p> <p>CPFIG also uses two central spreadsheets to provide a better overview of information and for the purposes of analysis. These consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A fire safety enforcement spreadsheet to track outstanding inspector follow-up actions following inspections of Crown Premises inspections. 2. Inspection findings analysis spreadsheet, to identify common failures across premises' types and to analyse post-inspection improvements in fire precautions and in specific areas of fire safety management.
<p>2) Please advise how many prisons have been inspected in the last three financial years</p>	<p>1st April 2014 – 31st March 2017: 58 prisons inspected.</p>
<p>3) Please advise how many enforcement notices have been issued in respect of prison premises</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>4) If the information on enforcement notices is held centrally, please give a broad summary of the reasons for the issue of these enforcement notices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inadequate fire risk assessment. • Inadequate measures to reduce the risk of fire. • Inadequate warning of fire • Inadequate means to secure that cells can be evacuated safely • Inadequate maintenance of general fire precautions • Inadequate co-operation & co-ordination between responsible persons • Insufficient fire training • Inadequate protection to staff and prisoners • Inadequate staff instructions for actions in the event of a fire • Inadequate day to day management of the fire safety arrangements

<p>5) Has the Crown Premises Fire Inspection Group undertaken any thematic review of prison safety in the last 3 years? If so, please indicate when any such reviews were undertaken and please disclose a copy of the relevant reports.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>9) Does the Crown Premises Fire Inspection Group hold central information on how many prison fires in each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 resulted in fatalities? If so, please give the numbers of prison fires in 2014, 2015 and 2016 that resulted in fatalities and the total number of fatalities in each of these years.</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>2014 – Zero fatalities.</p> <p>2015 – Zero fatalities.</p> <p>2016 – Zero fatalities.</p>