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Dear Mr Leech,

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – 111095/17

Thank you for your request dated 28 March 2017 in which you asked for the following information from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ):

Can you please tell me what is the current total amount of money owed by prisoners in respect of Damage Obligation Orders?

Your request has been handled under the FOIA. I apologise for the delay in you receiving this response.

I can confirm the MoJ holds the information you have requested and I have provided below. This information is correct as of the date of your request.

Please note that the information held is in respect of public sector prisons in England and Wales and does not include private (contracted out) prisons.

The total amount owed by prisoners in respect of damage obligation orders is £2.25m as at 28 February 2017. Information has been extracted from our Prisoner Offender Management Recording System (P-NOMIS).

It is right that prisoners should reimburse taxpayers for damage caused to prison property wherever possible.

The National Offender Management Service (NOMS), now known as Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS), introduced the system of recovering monies from prisoners from 1 November 2013 through "damage obligation orders".

Following a finding of guilt on adjudication, a requirement to pay can be made for up to 100% of the damage caused, including labour costs. However the maximum must not exceed £2,000 and must never exceed the value of the damage caused.

Appeal Rights

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to request an internal review by responding in writing to one of the addresses below within two months of the date of this response.