



Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority

Response to Freedom of Information Request

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Request	
<p>Please consider this a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This request relates to claims for compensation under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority scheme.</p> <p>- What criteria is used to record applications for CICA made by victims of human trafficking (for example, 'on the basis that a conclusive grounds decision is pending', 'on the basis that 'modern slavery' is used as a keyword in the application' or any other means?)</p> <p>For example, an FOI published by the Independent Anti Slavery Commissioner states that "Between 1 January 2012 and 28 February 2020, just 283 applications were made to the CICS by victims of trafficking, with only 54 of these cases awarded compensation" via: https://www.antislaverycommissioner.co.uk/media/1771/iasc-policy-paper_access-to-compensation-and-reparation-for-survivors-of-trafficking_april-2022-final.pdf</p> <p>Please clarify how this data is currently collected.</p> <p>- How many victims of modern slavery are recorded as having applied for CICA since 1st January 2021 up until the present? Please disaggregate this data by year and 'represented status'</p> <p>- How many CICA claims submitted by those recorded as trafficking victims since 1st January 2021 are still pending at present? Please provide a breakdown by year of initial application.</p>	
<u>CICA Response</u>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Applicants must satisfy residency and nationality criteria to be eligible for an award under the statutory Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2012 (the Scheme). These criteria include provision for victims of human trafficking. During the application process, applicants are asked if they are a victim of human trafficking if they have answered 'no' to the preceding questions about residency and nationality. Aside from the residency and nationality criteria, the Scheme does not make bespoke provision about victims of human trafficking and CICA does not collect this data for any other purpose.	

2. For clarification, where you have asked for figures on “modern slavery”, we have interpreted this as claims where applicants have identified themselves as victims of human trafficking during the application process. The Scheme does not make bespoke provision about victims of modern slavery and CICA does not collect this data.

As described above, applicants are only asked if they are victims of human trafficking if they have answered ‘no’ to the preceding residency and nationality questions, therefore the data in the table does not include any victim of human trafficking who answers ‘yes’ to a preceding residency and nationality question. CICA has no means of identifying any such applicants.

The table below breaks down the number of applications made each calendar year into those with and without representation. Representation includes a variety of organisations and individuals including friends, family members, charities, solicitors etc.

The data in the table is based on information provided to CICA at the point of application. This data does not account for any changes in representation during the lifetime of the application. Applicants may engage, change or end the services of a representative at any stage of the claims process.

Calendar Year	Total Number of Applications	Number Represented	Number not Represented
2021	40	28	12
2022	45	35	10
2023	37	21	16
2024	11	6	5

3. The table below shows the number of claims listed in the above table which are yet to receive a first decision.

Calendar Year of Application	Number of Applications that have yet to receive a first decision
2021	7
2022	13
2023	18
2024	8