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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 15 April 2015. You made the following requests for information:

Please can you tell me how many parental order applications have been filed in the UK to register a baby born through surrogacy for the time periods as specified below, separately.

1. 1st April 2005 – 31st March 2006
2. 1st April 2006 – 31st March 2007
3. 1st April 2007 – 31st March 2008
4. 1st April 2008 – 31st March 2009
5. 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010
6. 1st April 2010 – 31st March 2011
7. 1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012
8. 1st April 2012 – 31st March 2013
9. 1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014
10. 1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015

Please see the table below for the number of parental order applications recorded by Cafcass case management systems as received by Cafcass (which therefore only relate to applications within England, rather than the UK).

Please note the following points about the data:

- Parental Order applications listed here are based on the following application types received in England: Parental Order (s54 HF&E), Parental Order (s30 HF&E) and Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act.
- Totals are based on the date the application was received (by year from April - March).

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- The data sources are:
 - ECMS: ECMS is a live system, continually updated and is subject to change when further updates are made; it was introduced on 11 July 2014.
 - CMS: Prior to July 2014, information is taken from CMS (Case Management System) which was introduced national in 2007-08; data from CMS is a static snapshot on the day it ceased to be a live database, 11th July 2014.
 - Legacy: Data prior to 2007-08 is from manual recording and legacy databases.

Number of Parental Order Applications	
Year	Total
2005-06	44
2006-07	64
2007-08	56
2008-09	63
2009-10	58
2010-11	109
2011-12	138
2012-13	152
2013-14	202
2014-15	241

We hope that you feel your question has been answered effectively. If you are unhappy with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review to be undertaken. If you are dissatisfied with the way the internal review is handled or with the final decision made at that review about the information released, you are free to contact the Information Commissioner's office (www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk):

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Yours sincerely,

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