

## ANNEX A

### FOI DOF/2021-0138

#### Request

*“Information regarding the community representation of all employees as identified below;*

- 1. The whole of the Northern Ireland Courts system to include;*
  - Judges and those that are employed to assist them;*
  - Those that assist Legacy Inquest Courts;*
  - Those that are employed in all Legacy trials whether in an Inquest or an up and coming Legacy trial*
- 2. All employees involved in any way with legacy cases”.*

#### DoF Response

I can confirm that the Department holds the information requested.

Table 1 below includes the community background data we hold on record for staff employed in the NI Courts and Tribunals (including those who are employed to assist Judges, those that assist Legacy Inquest Court and those that are employed in all Legacy trials whether in an Inquest or an up and coming Legacy trial).

Data for Judiciary and Agency staff has been excluded as they are not employed by the NICS and we do not hold this information.

**Table 1 Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Staff- Community Background Data**

<b>Community Background</b>	<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Percentage of staff</b>
Protestant	396	52.1
Roman Catholic	317	41.7
Non Determined	47	6.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>100</b>

Figures as at 31st March 2021. Data includes only permanent and temporary staff, it does not include staff who are on career break or secondment to other organisations or the 5 staff whose details are not held. Source NISRA HRCS.

Judicial appointments are made by the Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission (NIJAC) therefore you may wish to contact them directly regarding this part of your request. The contact details for NIJAC are:

Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission  
Headline Building  
10 - 14 Victoria Street  
Belfast  
BT1 3GG  
Email - [judicialappointments@nijac.gov.uk](mailto:judicialappointments@nijac.gov.uk)

In response to the second part of your request, there is a designated Legacy Inquest Unit within the Department of Justice. All staff support legacy inquest cases; none are involved in legacy trials.

Data on the community background of those staff employed within the Legacy Inquest Unit is provided in Table 2 below.

**Table 2: Legacy Inquest Unit Staff- Community Background Data**

<b>Community Background</b>	<b>Number of staff</b>	<b>Percentage of staff (%)</b>
Protestant	12	44.4
Roman Catholic	15	55.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100</b>

Figures as at 1st January 2021. Data includes only permanent and temporary staff, it does not include staff who are on career break or secondment to other organisations. Source NISRA HRCS.