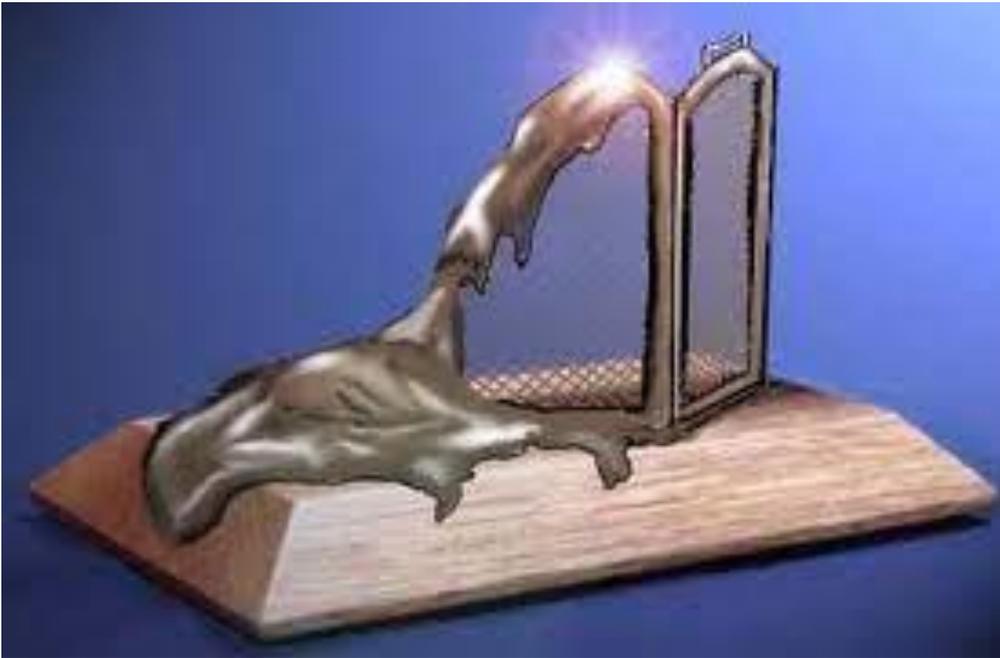


## **The chocolate fireguard defence**



*"At least I can dip strawberries in the goo".*

We recently submitted a Freedom of Information request to the General Registry about whether any persons were fined or given Community Service or Probation by the IOM Courts for breach of Coronavirus Regulations.

We have already been helpfully provided by the Manx Constabulary with the figure for those given *custodial* sentences in the IOM for breach of any Covid Regulations (70 adults plus 2 juvenile secure unit sentences). The FOI to the General Registry concerned non-custodial sentences.

However, in a brief response dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023, the General Registry lamely indicated, *"Our current systems do not allow us to extract the data that you request. However, we are currently implementing a new system which we hope will greatly enhance the ability to extract and analyse statistical historical and current data"*.

In other words, regrettably the General Registry is alleging that its computer/administrative system is such that it cannot identify or search what sentences have been handed down by the very Courts of Justice it is part of itself!

A situation about as useful as a chocolate fireguard.

*See hyperlink below for the response from the General Registry dated 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023.*

<https://www.ik.im/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/13.07.23-Covid-sentences-General-Registry-disinclined.pdf>