

Freedom of Information Statistics



FOI Statistics - 2010

The following statistics have been produced in line with guidance from the Ministry of Justice

Number of Requests by Type

2010	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
Environmental Information Regulations (EIR)	2	2	6	9	19
Freedom of Information (FOI)	150	134	153	140	577
Grand Total	152	136	159	149	596

Number of Requests Within Timescale

Completed	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
In Time	148	136	153	144	581
Out of Time	4	0	6	5	15
Grand Total	152	136	159	149	596

Total Number of Requests by Action

Result	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
All information sought supplied	111	102	129	111	454
Exemption applied* - some of the information sought supplied	7	8	13	16	44
Exemption applied* - all information withheld	4	6	1	5	16
Refused on cost grounds	10	6	6	11	33
Refused as information is already publicly available	1	2	1	2	6
Request cancelled by the requestor	3	7	2	2	14
Information not held	13	3	7	0	23
Information not held - request transferred to another public body	3	2	0	1	6
Total	152	136	159	149	596

Overview of the main groups of requesters who submit requests for information

Main Groups of Requesters	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
Private Business/Commercial	19	23	30	33	100
Press/Media	39	38	58	37	172
Other (private individuals, unions, charities, etc)	88	74	67	77	306
Political Parties	6	1	4	2	13
Total	152	136	159	149	596

Overview of which exemptions have been used

Use of Exemption*	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
s.22 Information intended for future publication	0	0	1	0	1
s.31 Law Enforcement	2	5	1	0	8
s.38 Health and Safety	0	0	2	1	3
s.40 Personal Information	5	6	8	5	24
s.41 Information provided in confidence	0	0	0	2	2
s.42 Legal professional privilege	0	1	0	2	3
s.43 Commercial Interests	3	2	1	4	10
s.44 Prohibitions on disclosure	0	0	1	1	2
r.12(5)(b) Adverse effect on course of justice or conduct of inquiries	1	0	0	1	2
Total	11	14	16	16	55

(*) Further guidance on what each exemption/exception means can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office [website](#).