

# Freedom of Information Statistics



## FOI Statistics - 2011

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

### Number of Requests by Type

Regulation	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
Freedom of Information (FOI)	215	201	169	189	765
Environmental Information Regulations (EIR)	13	2	11	6	32
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>797</b>

### Number of Requests Within Timescale

Completed	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
In Time	219	191	172	182	764
Out of Time	9	12	8	4	33
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>797</b>

## Total Number of Requests by Action

Result	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
All information sought supplied	181	158	144	146	629
Exemption applied* - some of the information sought supplied	24	26	11	25	86
Exemption applied* - all information withheld	2	6	4	2	14
Refused on cost grounds	15	11	14	4	39
Refused as information is already publicly available	2	2	2	7	13
Request cancelled by the requestor	0	0	5	2	7
Information not held	1	0	0	0	1
Information not held - request transferred to another public body	3	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>797</b>

## 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	52	43	50	59	204
Press/Media	69	56	53	45	223
Other (private individuals, unions, charities, etc)	102	95	72	78	347
Political Parties	5	9	5	4	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>797</b>

## Overview of which exemptions have been used

Use of Exemption*	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
3a Exempt personal data	1	1	0	1	3
4b Manifestly unreasonable	1	0	0	0	1
Partially supplied but rest refused on cost grounds	4	1	0	0	5
5e - Impinges on confidentiality of commercial or industrial information	0	0	2	0	2
s.22 Information intended for future publication	2	1	0	0	3
s.31 Law Enforcement	3	5	6	3	17
s.36 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs	0	0	1	0	1
s.40 Personal Information	14	19	3	11	47
s.42 Legal professional privilege	1	0	0	0	1
s.43 Commercial Interests	0	4	1	7	12
s.44 Prohibitions on disclosure	0	1	1	1	3
r.12(5)(b) Adverse effect on course of justice or conduct of inquiries	0	0	1	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>73</b>

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