

Freedom of Information Statistics



FOI Statistics - 2012

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)	229	178	173	148	728
Environmental Information Regulations (EIR)	6	17	16	8	47
Grand Total	235	195	189	156	775

Number of Requests Within Timescale

Completed	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
In Time	229	192	169	138	728
Out of Time	6	3	20	18	47
Grand Total	235	195	189	156	775

Total Number of Requests by Action

Result	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
All information sought supplied	176	134	135	124	569
Exemption applied* - some of the information sought supplied	30	30	20	16	96
Exemption applied* - all information withheld	3	7	7	5	22
Refused on cost grounds	18	13	14	3	48
Refused as information is already publicly available	5	5	3	2	15
Request cancelled by the requestor	3	2	3	1	9
Information not held	0	0	5	2	7
Information not held - request transferred to another public body	0	4	2	3	9
Total	235	195	189	156	775

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	70	60	41	39	210
Press/Media	51	41	30	42	164
Other (private individuals, unions, charities, etc)	108	91	114	64	377
Political Parties	6	3	4	11	24
Total	235	195	189	156	775

Overview of which exemptions have been used

Use of Exemption*	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
3a Exempt personal data	2	8	7	8	26
4b Manifestly unreasonable	1	1	0	0	2
4d Work in progress/incomplete data	0	0	1	0	1
5e Impinges on confidentiality of commercial or industrial information	0	0	1	0	1
s.22 Information intended for future publication	4	2	1	0	7
s.31 Law Enforcement	2	6	2	3	13
s.36 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs	0	2	0	0	2
3.38 Health and Safety	0	0	1	0	1
s.40 Personal Information	14	9	10	3	36
s.41 Information provided in confidence	1	0	0	0	1
s.42 Legal professional privilege	0	0	0	1	1
s.43 Commercial Interests	8	8	4	1	21
s.44 Prohibitions on disclosure	0	1	0	0	1
r.12(5)(b) Adverse effect on course of justice or conduct of inquiries	0	0	1	1	2
Total	33	37	27	21	118

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