

Freedom of Information Statistics



FOI Statistics - 2013

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)	177	220	229	269	895
Environmental Information Regulations (EIR)	23	9	15	19	66
Grand Total	200	229	244	288	961

Number of Requests Within Timescale

Completed	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
In Time	162	185	221	280	848
Out of Time	38	44	23	8	113
Grand Total	200	229	244	288	961

Total Number of Requests by Action

Result	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
All information sought supplied	162	199	208	242	811
Exemption applied* - some of the information sought supplied	8	13	15	21	57
Exemption applied* - all information withheld	4	4	6	5	19
Refused on cost grounds	3	3	5	6	17
Refused as information is already publicly available	1	0	2	3	6
Request cancelled by the requestor	6	3	5	5	18
Information not held	8	4	3	2	17
Information not held - request transferred to another public body	8	3	1	4	16
Total	200	229	244	288	961

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	34	52	45	71	202
Press/Media	34	40	68	65	207
Other (private individuals, unions, charities, etc)	113	127	113	133	486
Political Parties	19	10	18	19	66
Total	200	229	244	288	961

Overview of which exemptions have been used

Use of Exemption*	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Grand Total
3a Exempt personal data	0	0	1	1	2
4b Manifestly unreasonable	4	6	5	4	19
4e Internal communications	0	0	2	0	2
s.22 Information intended for future publication	0	0	0	1	1
s.31 Law Enforcement	2	0	1	1	4
s.40 Personal Information	4	7	7	15	33
s.41 Information provided in confidence	0	0	0	1	1
s.42 Legal professional privilege	3	1	0	0	4
s.43 Commercial Interests	1	3	1	3	8
s.44 Prohibitions on disclosure	0	0	1	0	1
Total	14	17	18	26	75

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