

Requests for information under:
Freedom of Information Act, Environmental Information Regulations and
Data Protection Act

Enquiry Statistics April – June 2006



Timeliness

Number of requests received in the quarter between 01/04/06 and 30/06/06 that fulfil the definition of a request for the purposes of monitoring.

1150

Of these, number which fall fully or mostly under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIRs)

4

Number of requests (both FoI and EIRs) received during the above quarter that are still being processed at the current monitoring date

145

Of these outstanding requests:

Number of requests where the 20 working day* deadline for response has been extended as permitted in legislation (see help text)

23

Number of requests still outstanding where a fee has been charged or a fee notice issued

118

Number of other requests still being processed (after the expiry of the 20 working day* response deadline)

4

Number of requests (FoI and EIRs) received during the above quarter that have been processed in full at the current monitoring date

1005

Of these completed requests:

Number of requests that took 20 working days* or less to be processed

937

Number of requests where the 20 working day* deadline for response was been extended as permitted in legislation (see help text)

54

Number of other cases where processing took longer than 20 working days*

14

Outcomes

Number of requests received during the quarter between 01/04/06 and 30/06/06 that were processed in full at the current monitoring date

937

Of the above total:

Number of requests that were **granted in full**

496

* *The Freedom of Information (Time for Compliance with Request) Regulations 2004, permits The National Archives an additional 10 working days to answer requests 'which relate wholly or partly to information in a transferred public record' that 'has not been designated as open information for the purposes of section 66 of the [2000 Freedom of Information] Act'.*

Number of requests where **advice and assistance** was provided to the requester (see help text) 128

Number of requests that were refused in full because the department has searched for the information requested and **does not hold any of it** 205

Number which were refused because they were considered **vexatious** (under section 14(1) of the Fol Act) 0

Number which were refused because they were considered **repeated** (under section 14(2) of the Fol Act) 0

Number which were refused because the department estimated that the cost of response would **exceed the appropriate limit** (under section 12 of the Fol Act) 0

Number of requests (not counted at cells D to G above) where the department **refused part** of the information requested 18

Number of requests (not counted at cells D to H above) where the department **refused all** of the information requested 90

Fees

Number of requests received during the quarter between 01/04/06 and 30/06/06 for which a fee notice was issued or a fee was charged 269

Of these requests, number where

request is still outstanding (awaiting payment) 118

fee was paid and request was processed 146

fee was not paid and request was processed 0

fee was not paid and request was not processed (because payment deadline had elapsed) 5

Total amount collected in fees for requests received during the quarter between 01/04/06 and 30/06/06 (to nearest £) 8492

Number of requests received during the quarter between 01/04/06 and 30/06/06 where departments processed a request in excess of the fees limit because the applicant paid the required amount

Use of exemptions and exceptions

Number of requests received during the quarter between 01/04/06 and 30/06/06 where information was refused either fully or in part 108

For requests under the Freedom of Information Act, number which cited each of the exemptions in sections 22 to 44 as a reason for refusal

S(22) - Information intended for future publication.	
S(23) - Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters.	8
S(24) - National security.	
S(26) - Defence.	1
S(27) - International relations.	9
S(28) - Relations within the United Kingdom.	
S(29) - The economy.	2
S(30) - Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities.	
S(31) - Law enforcement.	4
S(32) - Court records, etc.	5
S(33) - Audit functions.	
S(34) - Parliamentary privilege.	
S(35) - Formulation of government policy, etc.	
S(36) - Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs.	
S(37) - Communications with Her Majesty, etc. and honours.	
S(38) - Health and safety.	5
S(40) - Personal information.	81
S(41) - Information provided in confidence.	29
S(42) - Legal professional privilege.	1
S(43) - Commercial interests.	
S(44) - Prohibitions on disclosure.	1
Total:	146

For requests under the Environmental Information Regulations, number which cited each of the Exceptions to the right to disclosure in regulation 12 as a reason for refusal

3(a) - Exempt personal data	
4(b) - Manifestly unreasonable	
4(c) - Too general	
4(d) - Work in progress / incomplete data	
4(e) - Internal communications	
5(a) - Adverse effect on international relations, defence, national security or public safety	
5(b) - Adverse effect on course of justice or conduct of inquiries	
5(c) - Adverse effect on intellectual property rights	
5(d) - Impinges on confidentiality of a public authority's work (where provided by law)	
5(e) - Impinges on confidentiality of commercial or industrial information (where provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest)	
5(f) - Adverse effect on interests of person who provided the information (subject to conditions)	
5(g) - Adverse effect on protection of environment to which information relates	
Total:	0

* Note that a single request can cite more than one specific exemption / exception as a reason for refusal

Use of certificates

Of requests received during the quarter between 01/04/06 and 30/06/06 that are processed in full at the current monitoring date

Number of times a certificate was issued under section 23(2) of the Freedom of Information Act ("Information about security bodies") 0

Number of certificates issued under section 24(3) of the Freedom of Information Act ("Information affecting national security") 0

Use of public interest extensions

Number of requests received in the calendar year to the current monitoring date where the statutory 20 working day response deadline was extended as permitted in legislation 54

Of the above total:

Number where the request was still being processed at the time of monitoring 23

Number where the request has been fully processed 31

Of these fully-processed requests, number for which the total extension to the statutory deadline was:

5 working days or less	
Between 6 and 10 working days	
Between 11 and 15 working days	
Between 16 and 20 working days	
Between 21 and 30 working days	
Between 31 and 40 working days	
More than 40 working days	

Internal reviews

Number of requests which have been referred for internal review in the calendar year to the current monitoring date **on the grounds that requested information was not provided** 12

Of these, the number of requests where:

original handling upheld in full 6

original handling upheld in part 3

original handling overturned 1

outcome not known at current monitoring date 2

Appeals to the Information Commissioner

Number of requests that were appealed to the Information Commissioner in the calendar year to the current monitoring date **on the grounds that requested information was not provided**

Of these appealed requests:

Number where original handling upheld in full

Number where original handling upheld in part

Number where original handling overturned

Number where outcome not known at current monitoring date

Appeals to the Information Tribunal

Number of times in the calendar year to the current monitoring date that your department has **joined or been subject to** an formal Appeal to the Information Tribunal in relation to withheld information

Of these appeals:

Number where Information Tribunal rules that all of the requested information should be withheld

Number where Information Tribunal rules that some but not all of the requested information should be withheld

Number where Information Tribunal rules that none of the requested information should be withheld

Number where outcome not known at current monitoring date

Comments sheet

Please provide any comments on the data you have submitted in the box below

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