

FOI Performance Statistics for Quarter 3, 2014

Table 1: Volume of Requests for Information

Department	DARD	DCAL	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Total number of valid requests received	54	160	42	22	96	87	46	148	53	61	71	40	880
Processed	52	95	42	21	92	75	44	145	52	60	69	32	779
On hold or lapsed	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	8
Still being processed	1	65	0	0	4	11	1	3	0	1	0	7	93

Table 2: Source of Requests

Department	DARD	DCAL	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Total number of requests received	54	160	42	22	96	87	46	148	53	61	71	40	880
Business	7	1	2	1	3	34	3	28	1	4	2	1	87
Campaigning Group	4	3	1	0	2	0	2	8	0	3	2	4	29
Media	8	17	10	5	7	7	13	18	16	8	10	13	132
Member of the Public	25	102	28	15	75	42	26	79	31	37	55	16	531
Public Representative	3	7	0	1	8	2	2	6	1	3	2	5	40
Researcher	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	8
Solicitor	7	28	0	0	1	1	0	8	2	5	0	1	53

Table 3: Timeliness of Responses

Department	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Total number of valid requests received (excluding on hold or lapsed)	53	160	42	21	96	86	45	148	52	61	69	39	872
20 working day deadline met	49	78	40	20	21	49	41	106	51	57	57	19	588
Permitted extension²	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	7
Late response	3	16	2	1	71	26	3	34	0	3	12	13	184
Still being processed³	1	65	0	0	4	11	1	3	0	1	0	7	93

¹ The DCAL totals include figures for the Public Record Office (PRONI). When dealing with requests relating to historical public records, i.e., those more than 30 years old, PRONI is allowed 30 working days to respond. This additional time is to allow for consultation with the functionally-responsible authority in order to decide whether the information should be disclosed.

² These are requests where the 20 working day deadline for response was extended under the FOI Act to allow for consideration of the balance of the public interest, or under the EIR because of the complexity or volume of the request. At the time of data collection, all these requests had been responded to.

³ These are requests which, at the time of collection of the data, had not been responded to. 'Still being processed' include requests still within the 20 working day deadline (0); have a permitted extension (0); or which will be late when responded to (93).

Table 4: Requests for Information: Outcomes

Department	DARD	DCAL	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Total number of requests received	54	160	42	22	96	87	46	148	53	61	71	40	880
On hold or lapsed	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	8
Information not held	6	22	3	3	6	15	2	13	11	1	7	4	93
Request closed (see Table 5 for details)	4	6	2	0	6	23	2	1	9	3	3	3	62

Table 4: Requests for Information: Outcomes (continued)

Total resolvable requests	43	132	37	18	84	48	41	134	32	57	59	32	717
Information disclosed in full⁴	20	41	24	14	45	20	35	62	22	44	47	18	392
Partially disclosed	14	20	10	4	15	13	3	44	9	11	10	6	159
Fully withheld	8	6	3	0	20	4	2	25	1	1	2	1	73
Response not yet provided	1	65	0	0	4	11	1	3	0	1	0	7	93

⁴ These are requests where all the information held has been disclosed in full. This may include those requests where some of the requested information was not held (62).

Table 5: Reasons for Refusal of Requests for Information (other than the application of exemptions/exceptions)

Department	DARD	DCAL	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Refused as cost would exceed 'appropriate (£600) limit'	0	3	2	0	4	21	1	0	7	0	3	2	43
Request vexatious and / or repeated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Request withdrawn	4	3	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	3	0	1	18