

FOI Performance Statistics for Quarter 4, 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 | 44 | 102 | 58 | 27 | 48 | 73 | 26 | 115 | 38 | 73 | 62 | 15 | 681 |
| Processed | 42 | 85 | 58 | 27 | 46 | 66 | 25 | 112 | 38 | 73 | 59 | 11 | 642 |
| On hold or lapsed | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| Still being processed | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 32 |

Table 2: Source of Requests

| Department | DARD | DCAL | DE | DEL | DETI | DFP | DHSSPS | DOE | DOJ | DRD | DSD | OFMDFM | TOTALS |
|---|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| Total number of valid requests received | 44 | 102 | 58 | 27 | 48 | 73 | 26 | 115 | 38 | 73 | 62 | 15 | 681 |
| Business | 7 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 27 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 65 |
| Campaigning Group | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 22 |
| Media | 7 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 5 | 98 |
| Member of the Public | 20 | 83 | 45 | 23 | 23 | 47 | 15 | 60 | 21 | 45 | 41 | 7 | 430 |
| Public Representative | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| Researcher | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Solicitor | 8 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 46 |

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) | 42 | 101 | 58 | 27 | 48 | 73 | 25 | 115 | 38 | 73 | 59 | 15 | 674 |
| 20 working day deadline met | 38 | 67 | 52 | 26 | 21 | 2 | 22 | 99 | 35 | 66 | 42 | 6 | 476 |
| Permitted extension ² | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Late response | 3 | 18 | 5 | 0 | 25 | 64 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 6 | 17 | 5 | 161 |
| Still being processed ³ | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 32 |

Table 4: Requests for Information: Outcomes

| Department | DARD | DCAL | DE | DEL | DETI | DFP | DHSSPS | DOE | DOJ | DRD | DSD | OFMDFM | TOTALS |
|------------|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--------|
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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 (5). 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) or which will be late when responded to (32).

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|---|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Total number of valid requests received | 44 | 102 | 58 | 27 | 48 | 73 | 26 | 115 | 38 | 73 | 62 | 15 | 681 |
| On hold or lapsed | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| Information not held | 2 | 32 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 70 |
| Request closed (see Table 5 for details) | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 24 |

Table 4: Requests for Information: Outcomes (continued)

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|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Total resolvable requests | 40 | 65 | 49 | 26 | 36 | 63 | 23 | 109 | 32 | 70 | 54 | 13 | 580 |
| Information disclosed in full⁴ | 16 | 41 | 30 | 24 | 20 | 40 | 17 | 56 | 23 | 58 | 40 | 6 | 371 |
| Partially disclosed | 12 | 8 | 17 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 36 | 9 | 12 | 10 | 1 | 122 |
| Fully withheld | 12 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 55 |
| Response not yet provided | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 32 |

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 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 11 |
| Request vexatious and / or repeated | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

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 (59).