

Annex A – FOI Performance Statistics for Quarter 1, 2010

Table 1: Volume of Requests (for information received by NI Departments in Quarter 1, 2010)

Volume of Requests	Department											TOTALS
	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	
Total number of requests received	87	105	53	35	31	98	25	173	92	48	33	780
Processed	84	102	53	33	30	95	25	172	92	45	32	763
On hold or lapsed	3	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	12
Still being processed	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	5

Table 2: Source of Requests (received by NI Departments in Quarter 1, 2010)

Category of Requester	Department											TOTALS
	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	
Total number of requests received	87	105	53	35	31	98	25	173	92	48	33	780
Business	6	7	2	2	3	10	0	31	8	1	1	71
Campaigning Group	7	0	3	2	1	2	0	4	8	3	0	30
Media	5	2	0	2	6	3	4	6	2	4	4	38
Member of Public	53	90	42	29	20	79	19	105	63	33	26	559
Public Representative	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	5	3	0	19
Researcher	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	11
Solicitor	14	1	4	0	1	1	2	20	6	3	0	52

Table 3: Timeliness of Responses (to requests for information received by NI Departments in Quarter 1, 2010)

Department	Timeliness of Responses											
	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Total received excluding on hold or lapsed	84	103	53	33	30	97	25	173	92	45	33	768
Deadline met	81	68	53	33	29	82	24	163	86	42	26	687
Permitted extension	2	14	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	1	2	29
Late response	1	21	0	0	0	6	1	10	6	2	5	52

Table 4: Outcome of Requests (for information received by NI Departments in Quarter 1, 2010)

Department	Outcome of Requests											
	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Total received excluding on hold or lapsed	84	103	53	33	30	97	25	173	92	45	33	768
Number where information not held	2	18	4	2	4	7	2	3	1	3	3	49
Still being processed	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	5
Total resolvable requests	82	84	49	31	26	88	23	169	91	42	29	714
Granted in full	42	49	30	25	20	61	18	87	85	31	20	468
Partially disclosed	33	31	11	4	3	20	3	61	1	8	8	183
Fully withheld	7	4	8	2	3	7	2	21	5	3	1	63

Table 5: FOI Exemptions (applied by NI Departments when withholding information in Quarter 1, 2010)

Department	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Freedom of Information Exemptions												
The number of times each of the exemptions in sections 21 to 44 were cited as the reason for refusal ²												
S21 Information accessible to public by other means	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
S22 Information intended for future publication	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	6
S24 National security	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
S27 International relations	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
S28 Relations within the United Kingdom	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
S29 The economy	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
S30 Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
S31 Law enforcement	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	10
S32 Court Records, etc	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
S35 Formulation of Government policy, etc	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	7
S36 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	7
S38 Health & Safety	0	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	15
S40 Personal information	33	19	6	4	3	9	2	10	2	4	5	97
S41 Information provided in confidence	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	4
S42 Legal professional privilege	4	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	11
S43 Commercial interests	4	0	1	1	1	5	1	0	1	1	0	15
S44 Prohibitions on Disclosure	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

Table 6: EIR Exceptions (applied by NI Departments when withholding information in Quarter 1, 2010)

Department	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Environmental Information Regulations Exceptions												
The number of times each of the exceptions to the right to disclosure in regulation 12 were cited as the reason for refusal ²												
3(a) Personal data	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	55
4(b) Manifestly unreasonable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
4(d) Work in progress / incomplete data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
4(e) Internal communications	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4
5(a) Adverse affect on international relations, defence, national security or public safety	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5(b) Adverse affect on course of justice or conduct of inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	22
5 (e) Impinges on confidentiality of commercial or industrial information	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4

Table 7: Reasons for Refusal of Requests (other than the application of exemptions/exceptions, applied by NI Departments, in Quarter 1, 2010)

Department	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Refusals (other than Exemptions / Exceptions)												
Refused as cost would exceed cost limit	0	0	7	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	13
Refused as considered vexatious and /or 'repeated'	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

Table 8: Internal Reviews (concerning requests for information received by NI Departments in 2010 where the information was initially withheld)

	Department											TOTALS
	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	
Outcomes of Internal Reviews												
Total number of reviews (in calendar year)	2	1	6	1	2	16	2	6	4	1	1	42
Number where outcome known	2	1	6	1	2	15	2	2	3	1	1	36
Original decision upheld in full	2	0	6	1	1	7	2	1	2	1	0	23
Original decision upheld in part	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	6
Complaint upheld	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	7
Timeliness of Internal Reviews												
Total number of reviews completed within 20 working days	2	1	6	1	2	13	2	0	0	1	0	28
Total number of reviews completed later than 20 working days	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	1	8

Table 9: Appeals to information Commissioner (concerning the handling of requests for information received by NI Departments in 2010)

Department	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
	Appeals to Information Commissioner											
Total number of appeals (in calendar year)	1	0	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	8
Number where outcome known	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Original decision upheld in full	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Original decision upheld in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaint upheld	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informally resolved	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2

¹ The DCAL totals include figures for the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI).

² Note that a single refusal can encompass more than one specific exemption / exception, and note also that exemptions / exceptions that do not appear above were not used.