

Exemptions Applied for Quarter 2, 2008 by Department

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												
S(21) Information accessible to public by other means						1			1	3		5
S(22) Information intended for future publication		2			1		1					4
S(30) Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities	3				1							4
S(31) Law enforcement	1								2			3
S(35) Formulation of Government policy, etc	3	1	2		1	1	1	1	1			11
S(36) Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs						1	1	1	3			6
S(38) Health and safety								1				1
S(40) Personal information	30	4	1	4		9	1	5	2	2		58
S(41) Information provided in confidence	6					1				1		8
S(42) Legal professional privilege	2		1			2	1			1		7
S(43) Commercial interests	1			1	2	10			2	1	1	18
S(44) Prohibitions on disclosure						1						1

Exceptions Applied for Quarter 2, 2008 by Department

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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) Exempt personal data	1							49				50
4(b) Manifestly unreasonable								3				3
4(d) Work in progress / incomplete data								4				4
4(e) Internal communications								2				2
5(b) Adverse effect on course of justice or conduct of inquiries								27				27

Internal Reviews and Appeals to the Information Commissioner during Quarter 2, 2008 by Department

Department	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Internal Reviews												
Total number of reviews (in calendar year)	5			1	4	2	2	17	2	2	4	39
Number where outcome known	5			1	4	2	2	9	1	2	4	30
Original decision upheld in full	3				4	2	2	5		1	3	20
Original decision upheld in part	1			1				2	1	1		6
Complaint upheld	1							2			1	4
Appeals to the Information Commissioner												
Total number of appeals (in calendar year)										1	1	2
Number where outcome known												0
Original decision upheld in full												0
Original decision upheld in part												0
Complaint upheld												0
Informal resolution												0

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.