

Annex A – FOI Performance Statistics for Quarter 2, 2010

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

Volume of Requests	Department												
	DARD	DCAL <sup>1</sup>	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Total number of requests received	85	90	65	27	31	93	27	159	16	116	47	36	792
Processed	75	89	64	27	30	90	27	154	16	116	47	34	769
On hold or lapsed	9	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	14
Still being processed	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	9

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

Category of Requester	Department												
	DARD	DCAL <sup>1</sup>	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Total number of requests received	85	90	65	27	31	93	27	159	16	116	47	36	792
Business	6	3	0	2	0	10	0	37	1	18	6	1	84
Campaigning Group	2	1	0	1	2	8	1	3	0	3	0	0	21
Media	5	4	3	2	4	5	8	9	1	4	4	3	52
Member of Public	50	75	59	22	22	63	18	89	14	77	32	29	550
Public Representative	7	3	1	0	2	4	0	2	0	3	1	0	23
Researcher	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5
Solicitor	15	2	2	0	1	2	0	18	0	11	4	2	57

**Table 3: Timeliness of Responses (to requests for information received by NI Departments in Quarter 2, 2010)**

Department	DARD	DCAL <sup>1</sup>	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
<b>Timeliness of Responses</b>													
<b>Total received excluding on hold or lapsed</b>	76	90	64	27	30	93	27	156	16	116	47	36	778
Deadline met (20 working days)	71	77	55	27	30	90	24	137	13	110	44	22	700
Permitted extension	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	12
Late response	2	10	9	0	0	3	3	17	1	6	2	13	66

**Table 4: Outcome of Requests (for information received by NI Departments in Quarter 2, 2010)**

Department	DARD	DCAL <sup>1</sup>	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
<b>Outcome of Requests</b>													
<b>Total received excluding on hold or lapsed</b>	76	90	64	27	30	93	27	156	16	116	47	36	778
Number where information not held	2	25	2	3	4	4	2	1	4	5	4	4	60
Still being processed	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	9
<b>Total resolvable requests</b>	73	64	62	24	26	86	25	153	12	111	43	30	709
Granted in full	31	40	50	22	22	59	23	87	7	91	34	22	488
Partially disclosed	34	17	9	1	1	20	1	54	4	17	9	6	173
Fully withheld	8	7	3	1	3	7	1	12	1	3	0	2	48

**Table 5: FOI Exemptions (applied by NI Departments when withholding information in Quarter 2, 2010)**

Department	DARD	DCAL <sup>1</sup>	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
<b>Freedom of Information Exemptions</b>													
The number of times each of the exemptions in sections 21 to 44 were cited as the reason for refusal <sup>2</sup>													
S21 Information accessible to applicant by other means	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
S22 Information intended for future publication	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	3
S24 National security	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
S30 Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
S31 Law enforcement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
S35 Formulation of Government policy, etc	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	2	13
S36 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
S37 Communications with Her Majesty, etc. and honours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
S38 Health & Safety	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	9
S40 Personal information	36	16	2	2	0	4	1	4	5	8	3	4	85
S41 Information provided in confidence	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
S42 Legal professional privilege	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	6
S43 Commercial interests	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	5	2	18
S44 Prohibitions on Disclosure	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

**Table 6: EIR Exceptions (applied by NI Departments when withholding information in Quarter 2, 2010)**

Department	DARD	DCAL <sup>1</sup>	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
<b>Environmental Information Regulations Exceptions</b>													
The number of times each of the exceptions to the right to disclosure in regulation 12 were cited as the reason for refusal <sup>2</sup>													
3(a) Personal data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	32
4(b) Manifestly unreasonable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
4(d) Work in progress / incomplete data	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
4(e) Internal communications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
5(a) Adverse affect on international relations, defence, national security or public safety	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
5(b) Adverse affect on course of justice or conduct of inquiries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	19
5 (e) Impinges on confidentiality of commercial or industrial information	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5
5 (f) Adverse affect on interests of person who provided the information	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3

**Table 7: Reasons for Refusal of Requests (other than the application of exemptions/exceptions, applied by NI Departments, in Quarter 2, 2010)**

Department	DARD	DCAL <sup>1</sup>	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
<b>Refusals (other than Exemptions / Exceptions)</b>													
Refused as cost would exceed cost limit	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
Refused as considered vexatious and /or 'repeated'	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3

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

Department	Department												
	DARD	DCAL <sup>1</sup>	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
<b>Outcomes of Internal Reviews</b>													
Total number of reviews (in calendar year)	2	4	7	1	3	17	2	11	2	6	5	3	63
Number where outcome known	2	4	7	1	3	17	2	6	2	4	3	3	54
Original decision upheld in full	2	2	7	1	2	8	2	4	2	3	2	2	37
Original decision upheld in part	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	1	0	1	1	1	11
Complaint upheld	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
<b>Timeliness of Internal Reviews</b>													
Total number of reviews completed within 20 working days	2	3	7	1	3	14	2	3	2	1	3	2	43
Total number of reviews completed later than 20 working days	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	1	11

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

Department	DARD	DCAL <sup>1</sup>	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
	<b>Appeals to Information Commissioner</b>												
<b>Total number of appeals (in calendar year)</b>	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Number where outcome known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Original decision upheld in full	0	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	0
Complaint upheld	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informally resolved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.