

Annex A – FOI Performance Statistics for Quarter 4, 2010

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

Volume of Requests	Department												
	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Total number received (excluding 'invalid' requests)	53	44	38	18	15	77	21	95	15	69	46	24	515
Processed	53	40	36	17	11	76	20	93	14	69	45	12	486
On hold or lapsed	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
Still being processed	0	3	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	12	22

Table 2: Source of Requests (received by NI Departments in Quarter 4, 2010)

Category of Requester	Department												
	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Total number received	53	44	38	18	15	77	21	95	15	69	46	24	515
Business	5	1	2	1	0	9	1	24	1	10	2	1	57
Campaigning Group	2	2	0	2	1	2	2	2	0	4	4	1	22
Media	3	6	6	3	7	8	6	2	3	7	7	6	64
Member of Public	31	27	28	11	7	50	10	51	10	38	31	15	309
Public Representative	1	2	2	0	0	3	1	3	1	5	0	1	19
Researcher	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	4	1	0	12
Solicitor	9	5	0	0	0	3	0	13	0	1	1	0	32

Table 3: Timeliness of Responses (to requests for information received by NI Departments in Quarter 4, 2010)

Department	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Timeliness of Responses													
Total number received (excluding 'on hold', 'lapsed' or 'still being processed')	53	40	36	17	11	76	20	93	14	69	45	12	486
Deadline met (20 working days)	49	37	32	17	10	73	19	86	12	68	44	6	453
Permitted extension	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Late response	3	3	3	0	1	3	1	7	2	1	1	6	31

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

Department	DARD	DCAL ¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Outcome of Requests													
Total number received (excluding 'on hold', 'still being processed' or 'invalid')	53	40	36	18	11	77	20	93	14	69	45	12	488
Number where information not held	2	8	2	1	2	6	2	3	6	4	6	6	48
Lapsed	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Request Closed	6	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	1	0	15
Total resolvable requests	45	31	34	16	9	66	17	90	7	64	38	6	423
Granted in full	19	17	28	13	7	51	15	46	6	59	34	4	299
Partially disclosed	24	8	6	1	1	9	1	36	0	4	3	2	95
Fully withheld	2	6	0	2	1	6	1	8	1	1	1	0	29

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

Table 5: Exemptions (applied by NI Departments when withholding information in Quarter 4, 2010)

Exemption	Department (No. of Citations)	Total
Section 21 Information accessible to applicant by other means	DFP (2) & DSD (1)	3
Section 22 Information intended for future publication	DFP (1)	1
Section 27 International relations	DETI (1)	1
Section 30 Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities	DHSSPS, DOE & DSD (all 1)	3
Section 31 Law enforcement	DCAL, DFP, DOE & DRD (all 1)	4
Section 32 Court records	DEL (2)	2
Section 33 Audit functions	DETI (1)	1
Section 35 Formulation of Government policy, etc.	DARD, DCAL, DRD & OFMDFM (all 1)	4
Section 36 Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs	DCAL (1), DFP (2) & DRD (1)	4
Section 38 Health and Safety	DARD (1) & DCAL (7)	8
Section 40 Personal information	DARD (19), DCAL (7), DE (6), DEL (1), DFP (7), DHSSPS (2), DOE (4), DOJ (1), DRD (1), DSD (3) & OFMDFM (1)	52
Section 41 Information provided in confidence	DCAL (2), DHSSPS (1) & DSD (2)	5
Section 43 Commercial interests	DCAL (1), DFP (2) & DRD (2)	5
Section 44 Prohibitions on disclosure	DOE (1)	1

Table 6: Exceptions (applied by NI Departments when withholding information in Quarter 4, 2010)

Exception	Department (No. of Citations)	Total
3(a) Personal data	DARD (5) & DOE (26)	31
4(b) Manifestly unreasonable	DOE (2)	2
4(e) Internal communications	DOE (2)	2
5(b) Adverse affect on course of justice or conduct of inquiries	DOE (13)	13
5(e) Impinges on confidentiality of commercial or industrial information	DOE (2)	2

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

Table 7: Reasons for Refusal of Requests (other than the use of exemptions/exceptions, applied by NI Departments in Quarter 4, 2010))

Refusals (other than exemptions/exceptions)	Department (No. of Citations)	Total
Request refused as cost would exceed 'appropriate' (£600) limit	DHSSPS (1)	1
Request refused as considered vexatious and/or repeated	DOJ (1) & DRD(1)	2

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

Department	DARD	DCAL¹	DE	DEL	DETI	DFP	DHSSPS	DOE	DOJ	DRD	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
Outcomes of Internal Reviews													
Total number of reviews (in calendar year)	10	8	11	1	6	23	3	18	5	14	6	10	115
Number where outcome known	10	8	11	1	6	23	3	13	5	13	6	8	107
Original decision upheld in full	9	5	9	1	5	13	3	10	4	7	5	6	77
Original decision upheld in part	0	2	2	0	1	6	0	1	0	6	1	1	20
Complaint upheld	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	1	10
Timeliness of Internal Reviews													
Total number of reviews completed within 20 working days	10	7	11	1	6	22	3	3	5	1	6	5	80
Total number of reviews completed later than 20 working days	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	12	0	3	27

Table 9: Appeals to Information Commissioner (concerning the handling of requests for information received)

Department	DARD	DE	DETI	DFP	DOE	DSD	OFMDFM	TOTALS
	Appeals to Information Commissioner							
Total number of appeals (in calendar year)	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	10
Number where outcome known	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	4
Original decision upheld in full	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Original decision upheld in part	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Note that no complaints were upheld or ‘informally resolved and the Departments that do not appear above did not have appeals against them during the period.