

## Data on the provision of responses to Freedom of Information requests

2009

No of requests in 2009	520
No of requests to which exemptions/exceptions applied (either in full or in part)	53
No of requests answered in full	467
No of requests answered late	48
No of internal reviews	10
No of ICO reviews	2

Fol:		Environmental Information Regulations	Joint:	
S12- – Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit	16	Reg 12(4)(d)- The request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data	S30 or Reg 12(5)(b)- – Prejudice to the course of justice	1
			S44 or Reg 12(5)(d)- Prejudice to the confidentiality of the proceedings of that or any other public authority where such confidentiality is protected by law	1
S14- Vexatious or repeated requests	2			
S21- Information accessible to the applicant by other means	1			
S22- Information intended for future publication	6			
S30- Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities	1			
S31- Law enforcement	3			
S36- Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs	3			
S38- Health and safety	1			
S40- Personal information	17			
S41- Information provided in confidence	3			
S42- Legal professional privilege	2			
S43- Commercial interests	7			

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## 2010

No of requests in 2010	558
No of requests to which exemptions/exceptions applied (either in full or in part)	77
No of requests answered in full	481
No of requests answered late	52
No of internal reviews	9
No of ICO reviews	2

Freedom of Information		Environmental Information Regulations	Joint:	
S12- Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit	30	Reg 12(4)(b)- The request for information is manifestly unreasonable –	7	S12 or Reg 12(4)(b)- 1
S22- Information intended for future publication	4	Reg 12(5)(d)- The request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data	1	S43 or Reg 12(5)(d) &(e) 1
S31- – Law enforcement	6	Reg 12(5)(e)- The request involves disclosure of internal communications	1	
S36- Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs	3			
S38- Health and safety	2			
S40- Personal information	13			
S41- -Information provided in confidence	2			
S42- Legal professional privilege	3			
S43- Commercial interests	15			
S44- – Prohibitions on disclosure	1			

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## 2011

No of requests in 2011	773
No of requests to which exemptions/exceptions applied (either in full or in part)	154
No of requests answered in full	619
No of requests answered late	41
No of internal reviews	15
No of ICO reviews	6

Freedom of Information		Environmental Information Regulations		Joint:	
S12- Cost of compliance exceeds	50	Reg 12(4)(b)- The request for information is	7	S12 or Reg 12(4)(b)	1
S14- Vexatious or repeated requests	4	Reg 12(4)(e)- The request involves disclosure of internal communications –	1	S40 or Reg 13	1
S21- Information accessible to the applicant by other means	6	Reg 12(5)(b)- Prejudice to the course of justice	2		
S22- Information intended for future publication	16	Reg 12(5)(c)- Prejudice to intellectual property rights	1		
S31- Law enforcement	8	Reg 12(5)(d)- Prejudice to the confidentiality of the proceedings of that or any other public authority where such confidentiality is protected by law –	3		
S36- Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs	1	Reg 12(5)(e)- Prejudice to the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest	1		
S38- Health and safety	1	Reg 12(5)(f) – Prejudice to the interests of the person who provided the information (and where the person was not under an obligation to provide it and has not consented to its disclosure	2		
S40- Personal information	44	Reg 13- Personal Data	3		
S41- Information provided in confidence	1				
S42- Legal professional privilege	1				
S43- Commercial interests	18				
S44- Prohibitions on disclosure	1				

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## 2012

No of requests in 2012	823
No of requests to which exemptions/exceptions applied (either in full or in part)	143
No of requests answered in full	680
No of requests answered late	112
No of internal reviews	19
No of ICO reviews	5

Freedom of Information		Environmental Information Regulations		Joint	
S12- Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit	52	Reg 12(4)(b)- The request for information is manifestly unreasonable	10	S12 or Reg 12(4)(b)	1
S14- Vexatious or repeated requests	1	Reg 12(5)(d)- Prejudice to the confidentiality of the proceedings of that or any other public authority where such confidentiality is protected by law	6	S30, S43 or Reg 12(5)(b), Reg 12(5)(d)-	2
S21- Information accessible to the applicant by other means	2	Reg 12(5)(e)- - Prejudice to the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest	4	S30, S43 or Reg 12(5)(d) Reg 12(5)(e)	1
S22- Information intended for future publication	9	Reg 12(5)(f)- – Prejudice to the interests of the person who provided the information (and where the person was not under an obligation to provide it and has not consented to its disclosure)	2	S40 or Reg 13	2
S30- Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities	1	Reg 13- Personal Data	5		
S31- Law enforcement	1				
S36- Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs	3	Please note that more than one exemption/exception may be used for a request and use of an exemption/exception does not necessarily mean all information has been refused.			
S38- Health and safety	3				
S40- Personal information	39				
S41- Information provided in confidence	3				
S43- Commercial interests	16				

## 2013

No of requests in 2013	1172
No of requests to which exemptions/exceptions applied (either in full or in part)	169
No of requests answered in full	1003
No of requests answered late (to date 22/01/14)	29
No of internal reviews	22
No of ICO reviews -	3
Note: 3 requests remain to complete, one currently overdue	

Freedom of Information		Environmental Information Regulations		Joint	
S12- (Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit)	75	Reg 12(4)(b)- (The request for information is manifestly unreasonable)	11	S12 or Reg 12(4)(b)	3
S14- (Vexatious or repeated requests)	6	Reg 12(4)(d)- (The request relates to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data)	1	S40 or Reg 13	4
S21- (Information accessible to the applicant by other means)	6	Reg 12(4)(e)- (The request involves disclosure of internal communications)	2	S43 or Reg 12(4)((e) and 12(4)(d)	1
S22- (Information intended for future publication)	4	Reg 12(5)(d)- (Prejudice to the confidentiality of the proceedings of that or any other public authority where such confidentiality is protected by law)	3		
S30- (Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities)	2	Reg 12(5)(e)- (Prejudice to the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest)	5		
S31- (Law enforcement)	5	Reg 12(5)(f)- (Prejudice to the interests of the person who provided the information (and where the person was not under an obligation to provide it and has not consented to its disclosure)	2		
S36- (Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs)	3	Reg 13- (Personal Data)	2		
S38- (Health and safety)	3				
S40- (Personal information)	36				
S41- (Information provided in confidence)	6	Please note that more than one exemption/exception may be used for a request and use of an exemption/exception does not necessarily mean all information has been refused.			
S43- (Commercial interests)	29				