

Freedom of Information Act 2015
Statistics for Quarter 1 January 2017 to 31 March 2017

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Introduction

The Freedom of Information Act 2015 ("FOIA") was extended on 1 January 2017 to all Government Departments including Isle of Man Constabulary and Clerk of Tynwald's Office.

Requests received

Freedom of Information ("FOI") requests

A total of 125 FOI requests were received during the months January to March. The number of requests received by each Department including Isle of Man Constabulary and Clerk of Tynwald's Office is illustrated in *Figure 1*. The Department of Infrastructure and Department of Health and Social Care received the most FOI requests at 29 and 31 respectively.

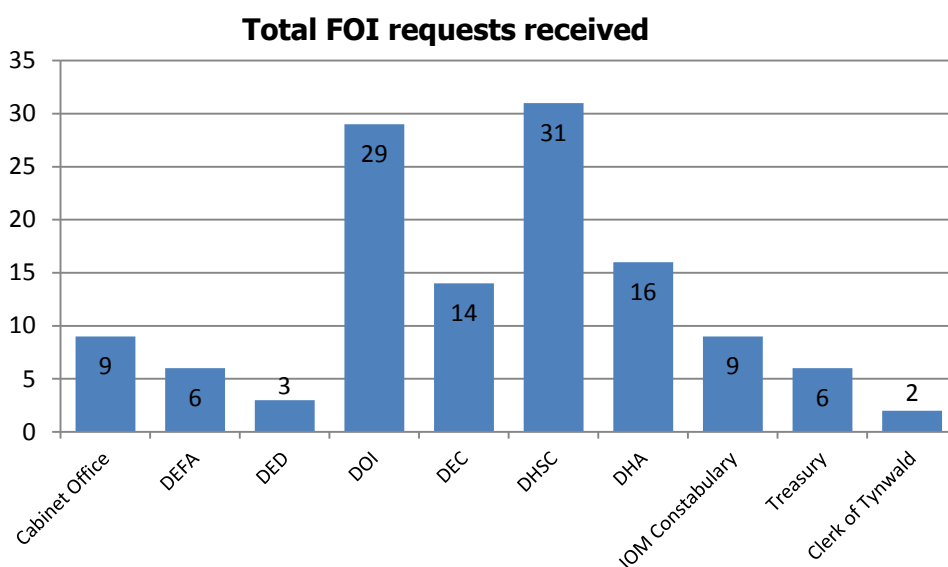


Figure 1

Out of the 125 FOI requests received, 7 were later withdrawn by the requester and 3 requesters did not respond when clarification was sought meaning 10 did not require a full response.

Data subject access requests

A total of 277 subject access requests under the Data Protection Act 2002 ("DPA") were received during the months January to March. The number of requests received by each Department including Isle of Man Constabulary and Clerk of Tynwald's Office is shown in *Figure 2*. The Department of Health and Social Care received the majority of subject access requests amongst public authorities.

This data is collected to analyse any correlation between subject access and FOI requests received. As data for subject access requests has not been collated before, there is insufficient evidence from this quarter to analyse this relationship.

Total subject access requests received

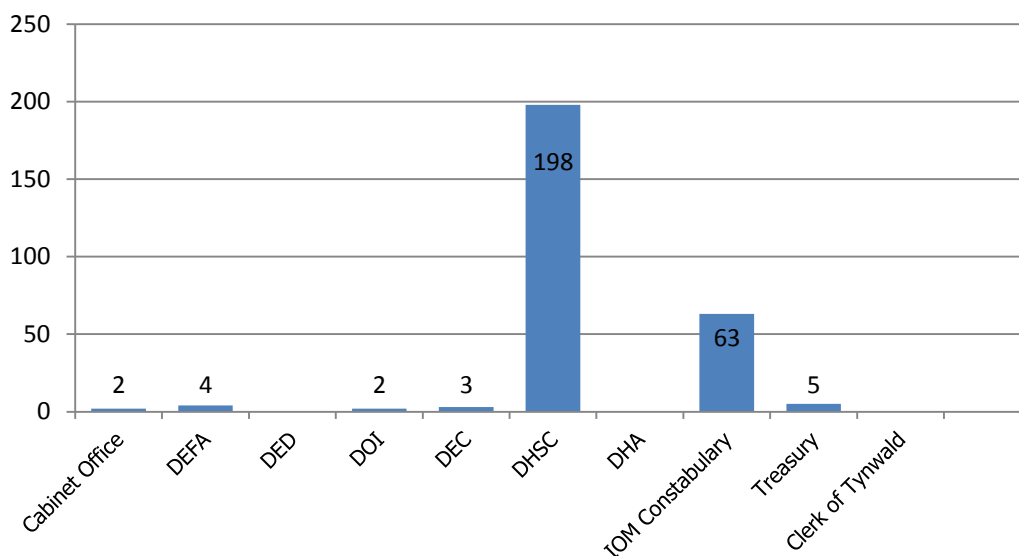


Figure 2

Responses to requests

113 FOI requests were responded to during the months January to March (see *Table 1*)¹, 3 responses were issued after 20 working days when the public authority was considering the application of qualified exemptions but no responses have been late.

Table 1: FOI requests status

Public Authority	Within 20 working days	After 20 working days subject to the extended processing period
Cabinet Office	8	1
DEFA	5	-
DED	3	-
DOI	25	-
DEC	14	-
DHSC	27	2
DHA	12	-
IOM Constabulary	8	-
Treasury	6	-
Clerk of Tynwald	2	-
Total:	110	3

¹ Of requests received between 1 January and 31 March 2017, some statutory response deadlines fell outside of this quarter.

Requester types

The majority of requests have been submitted by individuals (see *Figure 3*).

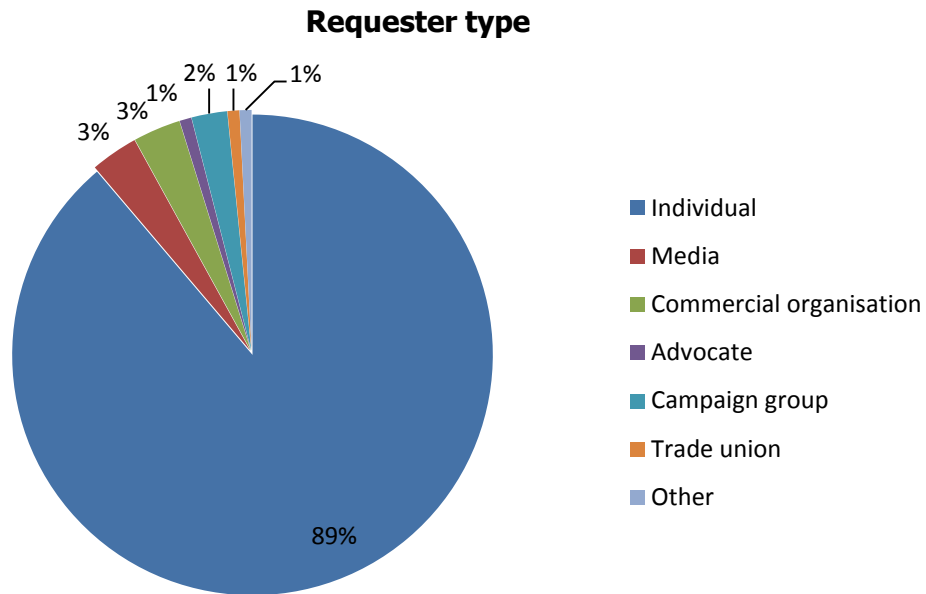


Figure 3

Practical refusal reasons applied

The practical refusal reason, "information not held" was applied to 29 requests; in addition, 9 requests would have required a public authority to create or derive information, undertake research, analysis or substantial compilation and 6 requests were not valid (see *Figure 4*)².

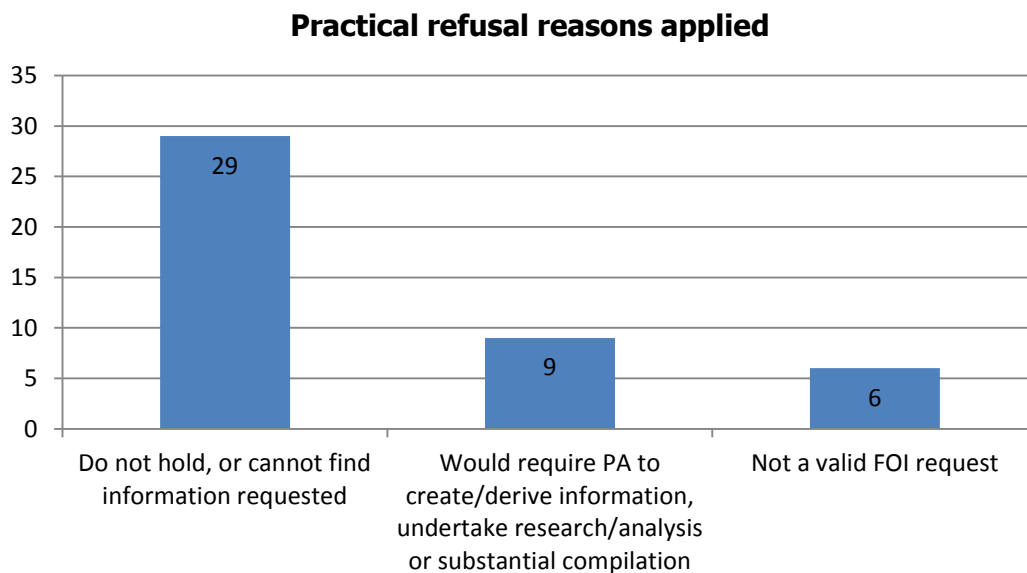


Figure 4

² Two responses required application of both sections 11(3)(a) and 11(3)(b) due to multiple questions within requests.

Exemptions applied

One or more exemptions were applied to 24 requests. The most frequently used exemptions were sections 20 (absolutely exempt information accessible by other means) and section 25 (absolutely exempt personal information), (see *Figure 5*). A detailed breakdown of exemptions applied by each public authority is detailed in *Table 3* of the Appendix.

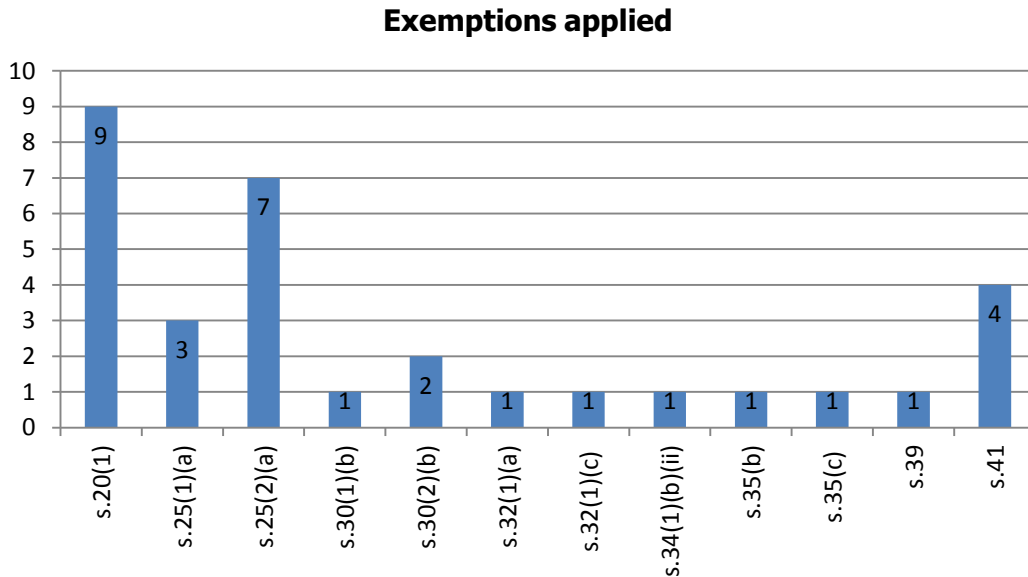


Figure 5

Outcome of requests

45 requests were fully disclosed and 36 were fully withheld due to practical refusal reasons or exemptions. Partial disclosures have been made to a further 32 requests during January to March (see *Figure 6*).

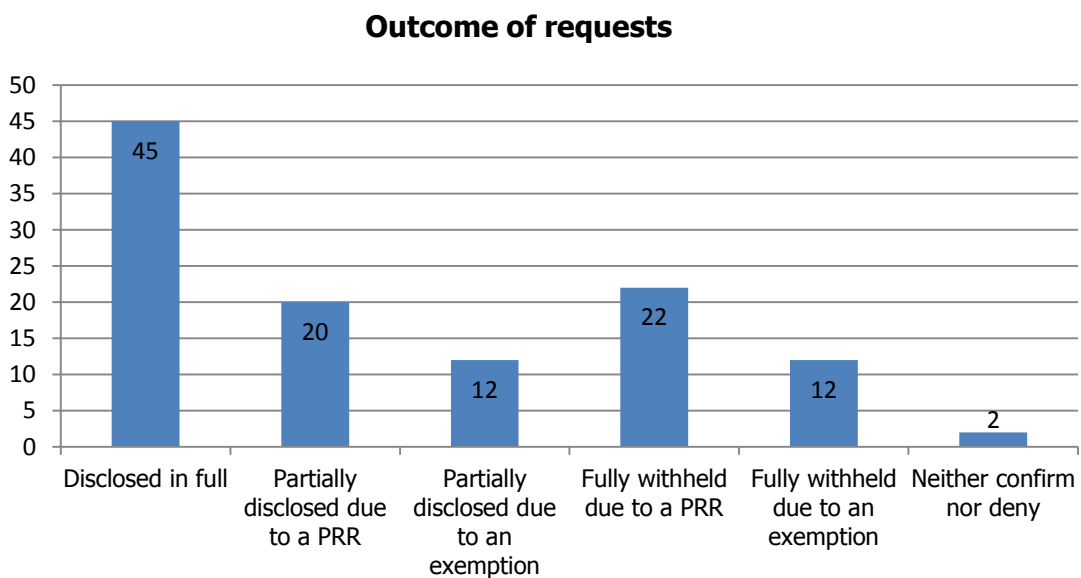


Figure 6

The outcome of requests for each public authority is shown in Table 2 of the Appendix. The majority of requests were fully disclosed.

Internal review and appeals to the Information Commissioner

There were 3 requests for review received during the months January to March; 1 to the Cabinet Office and 2 to the Department of Health and Social Care (see *Figure 7*). All 3 reviews have been completed and have upheld the original response. There were no appeals to the Information Commissioner during this time.

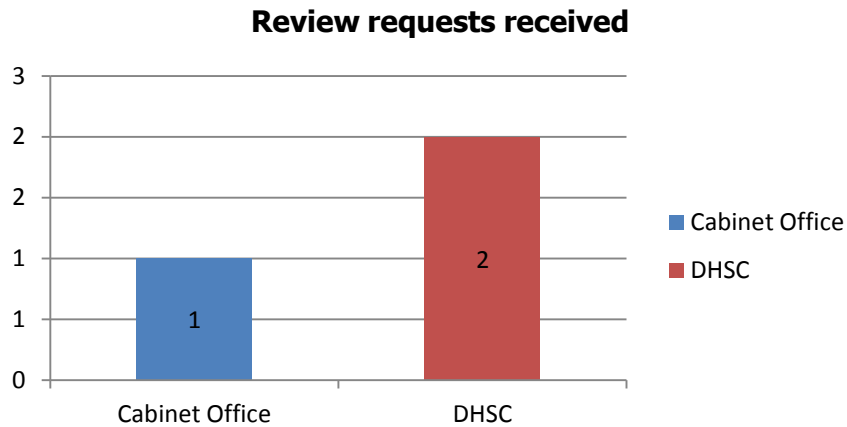


Figure 7

APPENDIX

Table 2: Exemptions applied by public authorities

	s.20(1) Information accessible by other means	s.25(1)(a) applicant is data subject	s.25(2)(a) personal data applicant not data subject	s.30(1)(b) financial interests of Island	s.30(2)(b) prejudice commercial interest of a	s.32(1)(a) prevention or detection of crime	s.32(1)(c) administration of justice	s.34(1)(b)(ii) communications between Ministers	s.35(b) inhibit free and frank provision of advice; or exchange of views	s.35(c) otherwise to prejudice the effective conduct of public business.	s.39 Qualified exempt personal information	s.41 Information for future publication
Cabinet Office	-	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-
DEFA	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DED	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOI	2	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
DEC	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DHSC	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
DHA	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total:	9	3	7	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
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Table 3: Outcome of FOI requests

Public Authority	Disclosed in full	Partially disclosed due to a PRR	Partially disclosed due to an exemption	Fully withheld due to a PRR	Fully withheld due to an exemption	Neither confirm nor deny
Cabinet Office	3	-	2	3	-	1
DEFA	1	1	1	2	-	-
DED	-	-	-	-	3	-
DOI	4	5	5	9	2	-
DEC	8	2	1	1	2	-
DHSC	14	5	3	4	3	-
DHA	5	5	-	-	2	-
IOM Constabulary	6	-	-	2	-	-
Treasury	3	1	-	1	-	1
Clerk of Tynwald	1	1	-	-	-	-
Total:	45	20	12	22	12	2
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