

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

1st October 2018 -  
31st December 2018  
Date: 28/01/19 \*

<u>Timeliness</u>	<u>1st January 2018 to 31st March 2018</u>	<u>1st April 2018 to 30th June 2018</u>	<u>1st July 2018 to 30th September 2018</u>	<u>1st October 2018 to 31st December 2018</u>	-
Number of requests received in the quarter that fulfil the definition of a request for the purpose of monitoring	193	195	215	156	
Of these number, which fall fully or mostly under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR's)	29	53	41	22	
Number of requests (both FOI & EIR) received during the quarter that have <b>not been processed</b> by the current monitoring date.*	7	2	2	0	
Of these outstanding requests:					
Number of requests where the 20 working day deadline for response has been extended as permitted in legislation	0	1	2	0	
Number of requests still outstanding where a fee has been charged or a fees notice issued, including those where the payment deadline has elapsed and the request has not been processed	0	0	0	0	
Number of other requests still being processed (after the expiry of the 20 day deadline)	7	1	0	0	
Number of requests (FOI & EIR) received during the quarter that have been <b>processed in full</b> at the current monitoring date *	186	193	213	156	
Of these completed requests:					
Number of requests that took 20 working days or less to be processed	146	181	207	148	
Number of requests where the 20 working day deadline for response was extended as permitted in legislation	0	1	1	0	
Number of other cases where processing took longer than 20 working days	40	13	5	8	
<u>Outcomes</u>					
Number of requests (FOI & EIR) received during the quarter that have been <b>processed in full</b> at the current monitoring date *	186	193	213	156	
Of the above total:					
Number of requests that were granted in full	142	130	148	122	
Number of requests where advice and assistance was provided to the requestor	30	34	35	31	
Number of requests that were refused in full because the Council	26	42	36	27	

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has searched for the information and does not hold it

Number of requests which were refused as they were considered vexatious (Under Section 14(1) of the Act)	0	0	0	0	-
Number of requests which were refused as they were considered repeated (Under Section 14(2) of the Act)	0	4	0	0	
Number of requests which were refused as the Council estimated that the cost of response would exceed the appropriate limit (Under Section 12 of the Act)	1	1	1	2	
Number of requests where the Council refused part of the information requested.	2	1	3	6	
Number of requests where the Council refused all of the information requested	12	18	21	17	

**Use of exemptions & exceptions**

Number of requests received in the quarter where information was refused either fully or in part	14	19	24	23	
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Of the above total the number of requests which cited exemptions as a reason of refusal and a description of that exemption:

Section (14)(2) - No reasonable period elapsed between requests	3	4	0	2	
Section (21) - Information accessible to the applicant by other means	6	11	8	2	
Section (22) - Information intended for future publication	0	0	0	0	
Section (30) - Investigations and Proceedings	0	0	0	0	
Section (31) - Law Enforcement	0	0	9	7	
Section (36) - Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs	0	0	0	0	
Section (40) - Personal Information	1	1	1	0	
Section (41) - Information provided in confidence	0	0	0	0	
Section (42) - Legal Professional Privilege	0	0	0	0	
Section (43) - Commercial Interests	0	1	1	0	
Section (44) - Prohibitions on Disclosure	0	0	0	0	
Regulation 12(5)(b) - The course of justice	2	0	0	0	
Regulation 12(4)(a) - Does not hold the information	0	0	0	0	
Regulation 12(4)(b) - Manifestly Unreasonable	0	0	0	0	
Regulation 12(4)(d) - Materials in the course of completion	0	1	2	0	
Regulation 12(5)(e) - Confidentiality of commercial or industrial information	0	0	0	0	
Regulation 12(5)(f) - Interests of the person who provided the information to the public authority	0	0	0	0	
Regulation 13 - Data Protection	0	0	0	1	