Use of Exemptions (FOI) and Exceptions (EIR) Note that a single request can cite more than one specific exemption / exception as a reason for refusal	Total 2009	Total 2010	Total 2011	Total 2012	Total 2013	1 st Qtr. 2013	2 nd Qtr. 2013	3 rd Qtr. 2013	4 th Qtr. 2013
For requests under the Freedom of Information Act, number which cited one of the following exemptions as a reason for refusal									
S.(21) - Information provided by other means	4	29	3	36	73	19	16	24	14
S.(22) - Information intended for future publication	0	1	3	3	1		1		
S.(23) - Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters									
S.(24) - National security									
S.(26) – Defence									
S.(27) - International relations									
S.(28) - Relations within the United Kingdom									
S.(29) - The economy									
S.(30) - Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities	0	1	0	3	1		1		
S.(31) - Law enforcement	0	0	5	13	16	4	7	3	2
S.(32) - Court records, etc	0	1	0	0					
S.(33) - Audit functions									
S.(34) - Parliamentary privilege									
S.(35) - Formulation of government policy, etc									
S.(36) - Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs	1	1	0	0					
S.(37) - Communications with Her Majesty, etc. and honours									
S.(38) - Health and safety	1	0	0	0					

S.(40) - Personal information	26	25	22	13	29	6	6	8	9
S.(40) – Transfer to SAR	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
S.(41) - Information provided in confidence	1	0	1	0					
S.(42) - Legal professional privilege	0	0	5	0	1		1		
S.(43) - Commercial interests	1	4	6	2	7		4	2	1
S.(44) - Prohibitions on disclosure	0	1	2	0					
FOI Refusal – costs	0	0	39	55	38	15	9	6	8
FOI Neither confirm nor deny	0	0	2	0					
Refused – repeated	0	0	1	0	2	1		1	
For requests under the Environmental Information Regulations, number which cited one of the following exceptions as a reason for refusal									
R. 3(a) - Exempt personal data	12	1	1	0					
R. 4(a) – Do not hold	0	2	0	1	1	1			
R. 4(b) - Manifestly unreasonable	0	1	0	0					
R. 4(c) - Too general	0	1	0	0					
R. 4(d) - Work in progress / incomplete data	0	0	0	0					1
R. 4(e) - Internal communications	0	1	0	0					
R. 5(a) - Adverse effect on international relations, defence, national security or public safety									
R. 5(b) - Adverse effect on course of justice or conduct of inquiries									
R. 5(c) - Adverse effect on intellectual property rights									
R. 5(d) - Impinges on confidentiality of a public authority's work									
R. 5(e) - Impinges on confidentiality of commercial or industrial information									

R. 5(f) - Adverse effect on interests of person who provided the information	0	0	1	0			
R. $5(g)$ - Adverse effect on protection of environment to which information relates							