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	1 st Qtr. 2011	2 nd Qtr. 2011	3 rd Qtr 2011	4 th Qtr. 2011
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		3		
S.(22) - Information intended for future publication		1	3	1	2		
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		1					
S.(31) - Law enforcement			5	2	3		
S.(32) - Court records, etc		1					
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					
S.(37) - Communications with Her Majesty, etc. and honours							
S.(38) - Health and safety	1						
S.(40) - Personal information	26	25	22	12	10		
S.(41) - Information provided in confidence	1		1		1		

S.(42) - Legal professional privilege			5	1	4	
S.(43) - Commercial interests	1	4	6	3	3	
S.(44) - Prohibitions on disclosure		1	2		2	
FOI Refusal – costs*	-	-	38	22	16	
FOI Neither confirm nor deny*	-	-	2	1	1	
Refused – repeated*	-	-	1	1	0	
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	1		
R. 4(a) – Do not hold		2				
R. 4(b) - Manifestly unreasonable		1				
R. 4(c) - Too general		1				
R. 4(d) - Work in progress / incomplete data						
R. 4(e) - Internal communications		1				
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			1	1		
R. 5(g) - Adverse effect on protection of environment to which information relates						

NB this information was not included in this table in previous reports