

<b>Use of Exemptions (FOI) and Exceptions (EIR)</b> Note that a single request can cite more than one specific exemption / exception as a reason for refusal	<b>Total 2009</b>	<b>Total 2010</b>	<b>Total 2011</b>	<b>Total 2012</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. 2012</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. 2012</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. 2012</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. 2012</b>
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	74	14	22	23	15
S.(22) - Information intended for future publication	0	1	3	6	0	3	3	0
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	2	0	0
S.(31) - Law enforcement	0	0	5	21	10	3	7	1
S.(32) - Court records, etc	0	1	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0
S.(37) - Communications with Her Majesty, etc. and honours								
S.(38) - Health and safety	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.(40) - Personal information	26	25	22	30	7	6	10	7

S.(41) - Information provided in confidence	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
S.(42) - Legal professional privilege	0	0	5	2	0	0	1	1
S.(43) - Commercial interests	1	4	6	4	0	2	1	1
S.(44) - Prohibitions on disclosure	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
FOI Refusal – costs*	0	0	39	95	25	30	26	14
FOI Neither confirm nor deny*	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Refused – repeated*	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
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	0	0	0	0
R. 4(a) – Do not hold	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	0
R. 4(b) - Manifestly unreasonable	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. 4(c) - Too general	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. 4(d) - Work in progress / incomplete data	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
R. 4(e) - Internal communications	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	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	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
R. 5(g) - Adverse effect on protection of environment to which information relates								