



Department of
Justice

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2024 & 2025

Department of Justice FOI Annual Report and Performance Statistics

Executive Summary

The Department of Justice (DOJ) NI¹ is publishing two combined Annual Reports under FOIA s.45 Code of Practice, covering departmental Freedom of Information (FOI) compliance for 2024 and 2025. In 2026, the Department will publish each calendar quarter for our FOI statistical report on an ongoing basis, aiming to enhance our compliance with best practice.

Annual Reports

In 2024, DOJ saw a 71% increase in the volumes of FOI requests and 90% in DPA requests in comparison to the previous year 2023. This increase was sustained and increased on 2024 levels, for both FOI requests 6% and DPA requests 8% during 2025.

Despite this increased demand, DOJ compliance rates in responding to FOI Requests during this period remained consistently high – achieving 95% compliance with statutory deadlines in 2024 and 96.7% in 2025.

Following FOI Internal Reviews, DOJ received five Information Commissioner Office (ICO) Appeals in 2024 and eight in 2025. All ICO Appeals were successfully upheld.

Department of Justice – policy update

In compliance with FOI s.8 and our data protection responsibilities DOJ will from April 2026 will only accept valid FOI Requests and Internal Reviews, which include the applicant's first name and surname as well as a correspondence address (email or

¹ Department of Justice NI comprises of the Core Department and five Executive Agencies as one FOI public authority.

postal). In the case of Subject Access Requests (SARs) under UK GDPR and DPA 2018, two forms of ID (one photographic) will also be required unless the SAR is submitted by a known member or former member of staff/employee.

Additionally, to protect personal data it is not appropriate to submit a SAR via a public platform or social media account (for example, What Do They Know or X/Bluesky). DOJ will continue to acknowledge SARs submitted in this manner but will require a personal email account or postal address to respond.

To submit requests:

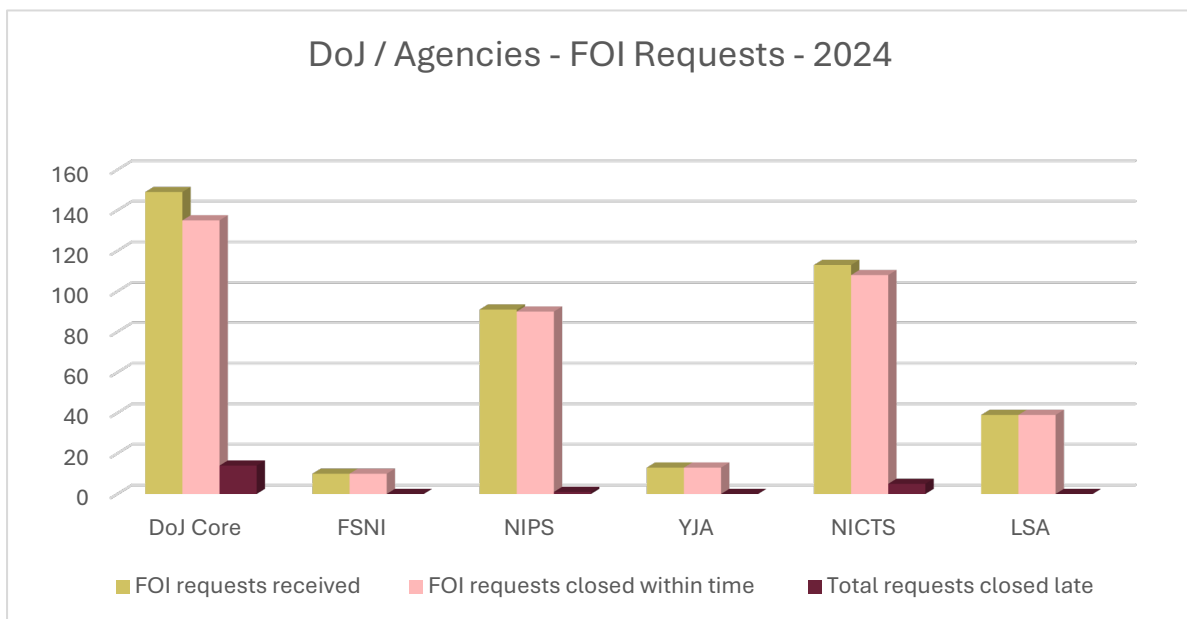
Records and Information Management Branch in DoJ can be contacted via:

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Department of Justice, Knockview Buildings,
Stormont, Belfast, BT4 3SL

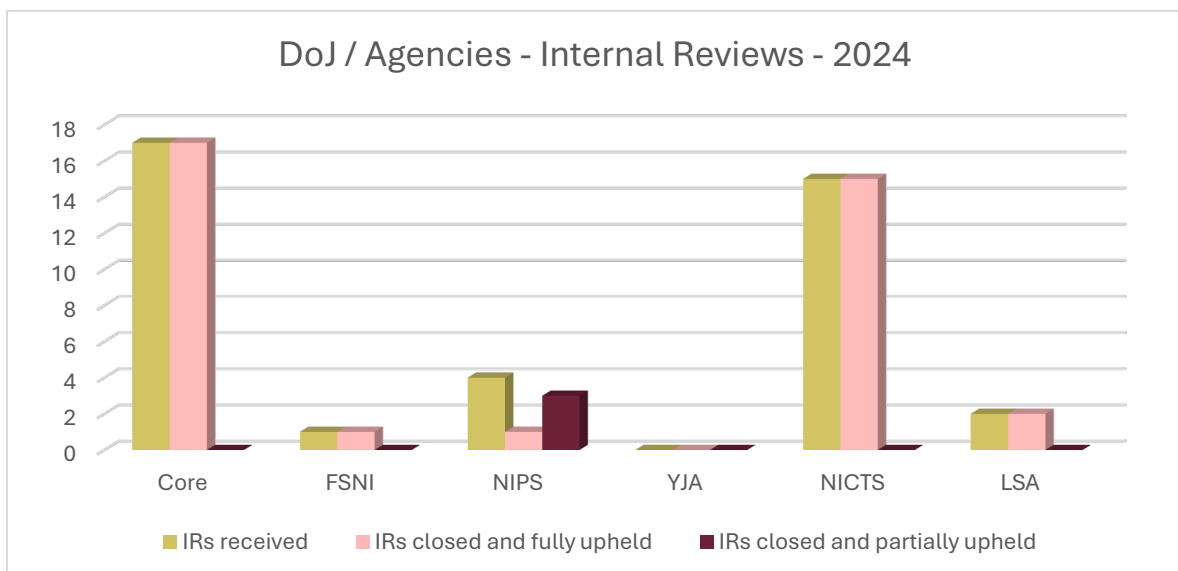
2024 Freedom of Information Requests received

FOI Requests - 1 st January 2024 until 31 December 2024							
	Core	FSNI	NIPS	YJA	NICTS	LSA	Total
Total FOI requests received	149	10	91	13	113	39	415
Total requests closed (within statutory deadlines or permitted extensions)	135	10	90	13	108	39	395
Total requests closed (late)	14	0	1	0	5	0	20
Total closed requests - section 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



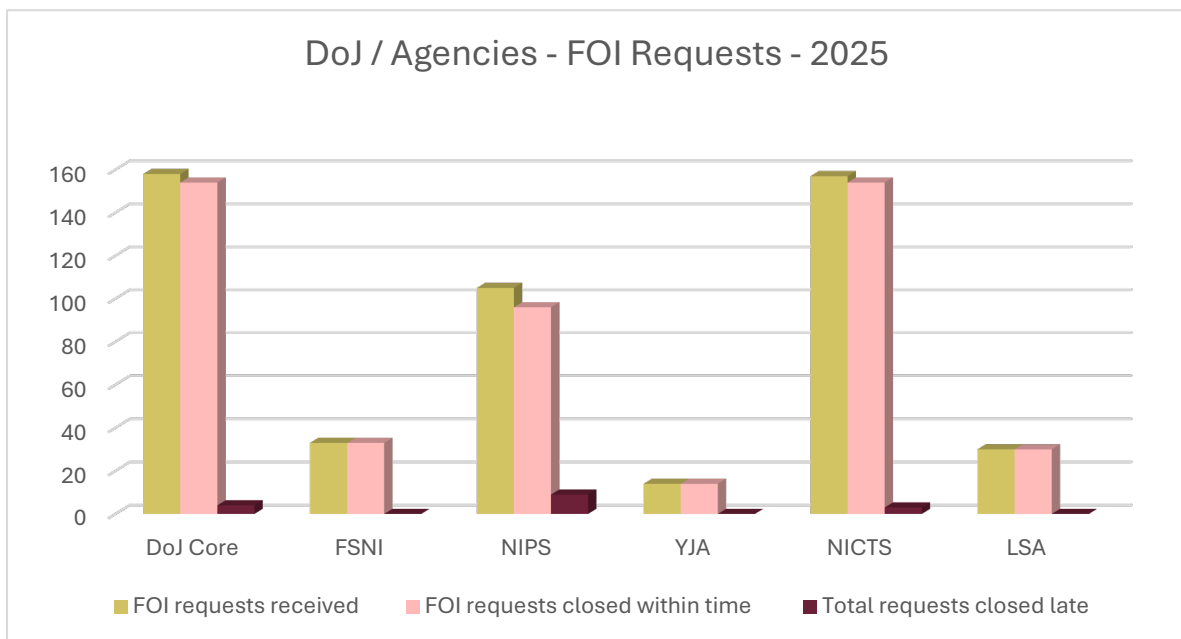
2024 Requests for FOI Internal Reviews received

Internal Reviews - 1 st January 2024 until 31 December 2024							
	Core	FSNI	NIPS	YJA	NICTS	LSA	Total
Total Internal Reviews received	17	1	4	0	15	2	39
Total Internal Reviews closed and fully upheld	17	1	1	0	15	2	36
Total Internal Reviews closed and partially upheld	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Total Internal Reviews closed and overturned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



2025 Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests received

FOI Requests - 1 st January 2025 until 31 December 2025							
	Core	FSNI	NIPS	YJA	NICTS	LSA	Total
Total FOI requests received	158	33	105	14	157	30	497
Total requests closed (within statutory deadlines or permitted extensions)	154	33	96	14	154	30	481
Total requests closed (late)	4	0	9	0	3	0	16
Total closed requests - section 14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



2025 Requests for FOI Internal Reviews received

Internal Reviews - 1 st January 2025 until 31 December 2025							
	Core	FSNI	NIPS	YJA	NICTS	LSA	Total
Total Internal Reviews received	9	0	9	0	14	2	34
Total Internal Reviews closed and fully upheld	8	0	8	0	13	2	31
Total Internal Reviews closed and partially upheld	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
Total Internal Reviews closed and overturned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

