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Request

You asked us:

"I would like you to filter this number 13,500+ [Decision Notices issued] down to include any and all decisions made by the ICO restricted to only those requiring deliberation on under section 14 of the FOI, limited in scope from 2005 until April 2023 as the enquiry time period range, and excluding any and all other decisions made by the ICO.

Q1. How many decisions has the ICO made over the specified time period, restricted to only include decisions made regarding section 14 "vexatious" and to the exclusion of all other decisions?

Q2. Of the total number provided in Q1, I would like you to further filter this number down to exclude all decisions made after the May 2015 ruling of :

Dransfield v ICO & Devon County Council [2015]

The answer to Q1 should indicate a total number percentile that represents all decisions made in regards to section 14 by the ICO and the answer to Q2 will indicate the percentage of decisions made prior to the Dransfield precedence and from there I will then be able to calculate the impact on the ICO following Dransfield "vexatious" case ruling to calculate the impact on the ICO following the ruling to determine the percentile increase in volume on the ICO, of the public authorities further reliance on section 14 given its broader definition of what constitutes a vexatious request under section 14 of the FOI following the Dransfield case ruling."

We received your request on 28 May 2023.

We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

We do hold information within the scope of your request, however this information is available in the public domain and is therefore exempt from disclosure under s.21 FOIA.

Copies of the Decision Notices issued by the ICO dating back to the introduction of the FOIA can be found on our website [here](#).

On the left hand side of the page you will find options for filtering the available Decision Notices by a number of criteria, including date range. If you click on 'More filters' you will find that you can also filter by Section. By using these filters and selecting 'S.14' and the date ranges you are interested in, you can determine the number of Decision Notices issued concerning S.14 during those periods, and also view copies of those Notices for further information.

This concludes our response.

Next steps

You can ask us to review our response. Please let us know in writing if you want us to carry out a review. Please do so within 40 working days.

You can read a copy of our full review procedure [here](#).

If we perform a review but you are still dissatisfied, you can complain to the ICO as regulator of the FOIA. This complaint will be handled just like a complaint made to the ICO about any other public authority.

You can [raise a complaint through our website](#).

Your information

Our [Privacy notice](#) explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and set out your rights. Our retention schedule can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely



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