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Request

You asked us:

"For each current outstanding Cabinet Office case as of the date of this request

- a) Whether a deadline was set by the ICO or not for Cabinet Office submissions for the case
- b) If set, whether that deadline has not been met.
- c) The total total time in days between the ICO's request for submissions and the ICO receiving the submissions from the Cabinet if now provided.
- d) If not yet provided, the total period in days between the initial request, and the date of this request."

Your request was received on 11 October 2023.

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

Our response

I can confirm that we hold information within the scope of your request.

We have interpreted your request to refer to all open FOI complaint cases regarding the Cabinet Office.

We have given the number of days between a deadline being set and submissions being received in working days. This is because deadlines are set based on working days (i.e. 'please submit in 20 working days').

As of 11 October 2023, there were 102 open FOI complaint cases regarding the Cabinet Office.



Of the 102 cases, there were 21 cases where a deadline for submissions had been given to the Cabinet Office. Of these, 4 cases had deadlines after the date of your request.

For these 4 cases, the number of working days between the deadline being set and 11 October 2023 was: 0, 3, 7, and 7.

Of the 17 cases that had deadlines before 11 October 2023, there was 1 case where the deadline for submissions was met by the Cabinet Office.

Of the remaining 16 cases, 9 had not received submissions by 11 October 2023. The number of working days between the request for submissions and 11 October 2023 for these cases was: 49, 61, 153, 133, 20, 58, 174, 165, and 176. This is an average of 110 working days between request for submission by the ICO and 11 October 2023.

For the 7 cases where the deadline for submissions was missed by the Cabinet Office but the submissions were sent before 11 October 2023, the number of working days between request for submissions and submissions was: 47, 11, 68, 81, 93, 95, and 31. This is an average of 61 working days.

Please be advised that this information is correct as of 11 October 2023 but that case officers have continued to work on these cases since then. This means that some complaints may have received submissions since the date of your request.

This concludes our response to your request.

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 <u>Privacy notice</u> explains what we do with the personal data you provide to us, and set out your rights. Our retention schedule can be found <u>here</u>.

Yours sincerely



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