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**Request**

You asked us:

- "1. How often does a Govt dept/agency/org. 'lose a case' with the ICO against a complainant?  
2. Are stats kept  
3. Is the ICO independent, or a Govt dept....one of its arms?"*

The above numbers have been added by us to make our response easier to follow.

We received your request on 10 August 2023.

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

**Our response**

Having searched our records, we can now respond to your requests. We will do this individually below.

1. We do not hold information in the scope of your request. This is because cases assessed by the ICO are neither 'won' or 'lost' as we record complaint outcomes in multiple ways.

Outcomes for data protection complaint cases are available to view [here](#) and [here](#) for FOIA complaints.

2. It is unclear exactly what you mean by 'stats' but we can advise that we have multiple data sets available on our [website](#). Hopefully this information is what you are seeking.

If it's not and you wish to know about specific stats, you will need to submit a new FOIA request to us.

3. The ICO is an independent body, however, we do have a sponsoring government department which is the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology.

More information about that is available [here](#). As information is already reasonably accessible to you, technically it is withheld under section 21 of the FOIA.

Section 21 states that we don't need to provide you with a copy of information when you already have access to it.

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 [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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