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Request

You asked us:

"I would take this opportunity to ascertain from you the number of complaints ICO has received against the Government Legal Department so far and if any 'case law' has been made relating to this area of conduct."

We received your request on 4 December 2023. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

Our response

In relation to the number of complaints the ICO has received about the Government Legal Department, I can confirm we hold information in scope of this part of your request. You did not specify whether you were interested in FOI/EIR or data protection (DP) complaints, so I have provided numbers for both as far back as our records go.

	Received Financial Year				
Legislation	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Total
DP	6	2	5	4	17
EIR,FOI	6	4	4	5	19
Total	12	6	9	9	36

In relation to your request about whether any case law has been made, the ICO is not a judicial body and does not make 'case law'. Therefore, we do not hold any information in scope of this part of 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](#) on our website.

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 sets out [your rights](#). Our [Retention and Disposal Policy](#) details how long we keep information.

Yours sincerely



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