

Question on Notice
No. 974
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MR HOBBS asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (MS DESLEY BOYLE)–

QUESTION:

With reference to Freedom of Information (FOI) applications received by agencies within her portfolio, including the ministerial office for 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and current financial year to date—

- (1) What are the total numbers of personal and non-personal FOI applications received (reported separately)?
- (2) What was the total of fees and charges levied in respect of personal and non-personal applications (reported separately)?
- (3) In respect of non-personal FOI applications, how many applicants have sought internal and/or external review of decisions regarding the levying of time-based charges (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

Environment Portfolio

The table below outlines the number of personal and non-personal applications for the financial years 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and current financial year to date for the Freedom of Information Unit of the Environmental Protection Agency and its associated agencies.

With reference to the total of fees and charges levied, it should be noted that the *Freedom of Information Regulation 1992* does not allow the levying of fees and charges for personal applications.

With reference to internal reviews or external reviews for the levying of time based charges for 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and current financial year, there has been only one internal review in the 2004-05 financial year and no external reviews.

		Total numbers of applications received	Total amount of fees and charges collected	Total number of internal review of decisions regarding the levying of time based charges ¹	Total number of external review of decisions regarding the levying of time based charges ¹
2002-03	Personal applications	7	\$0	-	-
	Non-personal applications	83	\$13,404.45	0	0
2003-04	Personal applications	5	\$0	-	-
	Non-personal applications	111	\$22,012.70	0	0

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2004-05	Personal applications	7	\$0	-	-
	Non-personal applications	77	\$20,818.95	1	0
2005-06 (Year to date)	Personal applications	14	\$0	-	-
	Non-personal applications	76	\$10,565.00	0	0

1 Information relating to time based charges regime began in November 2004

Local Government and Planning, and Women Portfolio

		Total numbers of applications received	Total amount of fees and charges collected	Total number of internal review of decisions regarding the levying of time based charges ¹	Total number of external review of decisions regarding the levying of time based charges ¹
2002-03	Personal applications	1*	\$2547.60 DLGP results only – fee for all application types	N/A	N/A
	Non-personal applications	21*		N/A	N/A
2003-04	Personal applications	2*	\$1676.90 DLGP results only – fee for all application types	N/A	N/A
	Non-personal applications	16*		N/A	N/A
2004-05	Personal applications	10 [#]	\$1408.00 This figure includes fees and charges received for the entire DLGPSR	0	0
	Non-personal applications	21 [#]		0	0
2005-06 (Year to date)	Personal applications	1 [#]	\$3853.00 This figure includes fees and charges received for the entire DLGPSR	0	0
	Non-personal applications	37 [#]		0	0

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* Department of Local Government and Planning results only

These figures include applications received for the entire Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation – these figures were not reported separately as section 108 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* requires whole of department reporting.