

QUESTION ON NOTICE
No. 976
Asked on Tuesday, 6 June 2006

MR HORAN asked the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries (MR MULHERIN)-

QUESTION:

With reference to Freedom of Information (FOI) applications received by agencies within his 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:

Details on FOI applications received are provided in the following table. The figures are consistent with the Freedom of Information Annual Report which is tabled by the Minister for Justice and Attorney-General each financial year.

		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	5	-	-	-
	Non-personal applications	68	\$1,604.00 – fees \$7,632.40 - charges	Nil	Nil
2003-04	Personal applications	6	-	-	-
	Non-personal applications	88	\$2,287.50 – fees \$3,842.62 - charges	Nil	Nil
2004-05	Personal applications	7	-	-	-
	Non-personal applications	64	\$1,976.60 – fees \$2,755.50 - charges	Nil	Nil
2005-06 (as at 19/6/06)	Personal applications	13	-	-	-
	Non-personal applications	67	\$1,867.80 – fees \$7,472.24 - charges	Nil	Nil

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