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How long it is at present taking you to decide appeals sent to you under s.50 of the Act. I fully appreciate that you have a considerable backlog to work through.

As the handling of Freedom of Information applications under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act is still a relatively new process for the Information Commissioner it is a little early to be able to provide accurate statistics in certain areas at this stage. Naturally each case is likely to take different timescales to complete so the ICO plans to monitor and work towards achieving case closures on an averaged basis. For the first quarter of 2005/6, the ICO gauges that currently 80% of cases were closed in less than 60 working days, 15% in 61 to 90 working days and 5% in 91 to 180 working days. This is one way in which the ICO intends to measure performance in the current year and is set out in the [ICO Business Plan](#) which is intended for publication on the ICO website.

This information which the ICO plans to produce on a quarterly basis and will be published in the [Annual Report](#). It is likely that we will look to make this management information available on the ICO website in the future.