



ICO Disclosure Log - Response to Request

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- 1) **Can you provide the information you hold regarding the backlog of cases referred as complaints to the Information Commissioner following Freedom of Information Requests to the public bodies. This should include the number of cases in January 2006 and now, January 2007.**

During 2005 the ICO received 2376 complaints under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) and the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR), and closed 1070 of these cases. Therefore in January 2006 the backlog (the difference between cases received and cases closed) stood at 1306. By January 2007 we were investigating a total of 4935 cases of which 3760 had been closed, meaning a backlog of 1175.

- 2) **Can you provide information the Commissioner holds regarding staff numbers dealing with these cases in January 2007 as opposed to January 2006?**

In January 2006 28 people were employed by the ICO on FOI and EIR casework. For January 2007 the figure is 42.1 full time equivalent posts. Please see the following table for a breakdown of this figure:

Staff	Full time equivalent
Assistant Commissioner	1
Senior Complaints Manager	1
Team Leaders	5
Senior Caseworkers	14.2
Caseworkers	7.5
Staff on secondment, locums, contract staff etc.	13.80
Total	42.5

- 3) **Can you provide copies of any reports or recorded information the Commissioner holds regarding staff numbers dealing with these cases in January 2007 as opposed to January 2006?**

Documents supplied:

[FOI Recovery Plan \(December 2005\)](#)

[FOI Progress Report \(October 2006\)](#)

Please note that names of individuals have been redacted from the Recovery Plan. We consider that this is personal data under the terms of the Data Protection Act. This redaction does not affect the substance of the report.