



FOI and Local Government: surveys by the Constitution Unit covering the six years from 2005 to 2010

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Introduction

1. Numbers of requests, refusals and internal reviews
2. Sources of requests
3. Spend on handling requests
4. Types of information requested
5. Problems with compliance
6. Positive aspects of FOI

Introduction

These six annual surveys¹ cover the experiences with FOI of local authorities in England. Between about 28% and 33% of these authorities provided substantive responses to most questions asked in the surveys (112 authorities in 2005, 118 in 2006, 121 in 2007, 110 in 2008, 117 in 2009 and 104 in 2010).

The purpose of this paper is to summarise the key facts and the evidence that was provided

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Year **Average hours per request**

