

Your Reference:  
Our Reference: FOI/PJ/1001996

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18 May 2010

IPCC Contact:  
Philip Johnston  
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Dear Mr Wise,

## **YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

I am sorry about the delay in replying to your e-mail of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in which you request information concerning internal reviews of Freedom of Information requests received at IPCC since the Act became effective in 2005.

You ask for the numbers of FOI requests received at IPCC during each of the five calendar years from 2005 -2009. The numbers received are as follows:

2005 – 572  
2006 – 252  
2007 – 202  
2008 – 224  
2009 – 234

You also request all data, if held, as to the number of internal reviews that have been rejected or upheld (even partially) by the IPCC in the same years.

No data has been compiled for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> April 2009 and the IPCC holds only limited data as to the number of appeals received since 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 and their outcomes. Such data as is available suggests that between 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010, the IPCC received 20 requests for internal review of which seven were upheld either partially or wholly, ten were not upheld at all and three have yet to be decided. However, it is highly likely that these figures do not include all the requests for internal reviews received during the past year.

As the IPCC does not systematically record data relating to the FOI internal review requests it receives, the information you have requested can be obtained only by means of a manual search of each of the Commission's hard copy FOI files. As confirmed above, in the 5 years to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 the IPCC received 1484 FOI requests. I estimate that it would take in excess of 3 minutes to identify extract and collate the relevant data from each file so that producing the figures you require would exceed the cost limit under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, which limit is set in Regulations at £450 or 18 hours work at £25 per hour. Accordingly, I find that the IPCC is not obliged to answer this aspect of your request.

May 18, 2010

If you are not satisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review by our FOI appeals officer, who has had no involvement in dealing with your request. If you wish to complain about any aspect of this decision, please contact:

Freedom of Information Act Complaints  
IPCC  
90 High Holborn  
London  
WC1V 6BH

E mails should be clearly marked 'Complaint against FOI decision' and sent to: [foi@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:foi@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk).

Should you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner; however, I should point out that under section 50(2)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, you are normally obliged to exhaust the public authority's own internal complaint mechanism before complaining to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

**Philip Johnston**  
**Independent Police Complaints Commission**