

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), for the following information.

For ease of reference I have numbered your points (1) to (4).

(1) Please can you outline for me how many FOIs have been asked of the FSA from 01 December 2006 to 01 December 2007.

(2) Could you then also tell me how many of the FOIs were answered positively (i.e. the complete information requested was released within 20 days of the request being received)

(3) Could you also tell me how many of the requests were rejected from 01 December 2006 to 01 December 2007.

(4) I would also like to know of the requests that were rejected, what the breakdown of exemptions given were."

On 28 November 2007, you clarified your request to cover the period from 1 November 2006 to 31 October 2007.

Your request has now been considered and I will answer each point in turn.

(1) The FSA has received 217 requests under the Act in the time period in question.

(2) Twenty four requests were answered in full in accordance with the Act. In addition, there were 32 requests where we provided some of the information requested and in another 4 cases a summary of the information was provided.

(3) A total of 110 requests were rejected in part or in full. We have defined rejected as being a request where we held the information requested, but did not provide some or all the information and/or it was not already available to the requester by other means.

(4) The table below contains a breakdown of the exemptions used on requests received by the FSA between 1 November 2006 and 31 October 2007. Please note that more than one exemption can be applied when information is withheld.

#### Absolute exemptions

Section 21 - Information accessible to applicant by other means 19

Section 40 - Personal information 14

Section 41 - Information provided in confidence 1

Section 44 - Prohibitions on disclosure 50

#### Qualified exemptions

Section 27 - International relations 3

Section 29 - The economy 3

Section 30 - Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities 2

Section 31 - Law enforcement 25

Section 36 - Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs 9

Section 42 - Legal professional privilege 9

Section 43 - Commercial interests 14

#### Other exemptions

Section 12 - Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit 23

Section 14 - Vexatious or repeated requests 3