

Has the statutory time period for processing already run out? If not, an application will need to be made under s 15AB. *

Yes	No
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You are requesting an extension of time on the grounds that further time is needed to deal with the FOI request. You should continue to process an FOI request without waiting for a response to this extension of time request. The expiry of the timeframe allows an FOI applicant to seek Information Commissioner review; it does not remove the agency's or minister's obligation to process the request.

If a decision is provided to the FOI applicant prior to the OAIIC making a decision on your extension of time request, please advise us in writing as soon as possible.

Date you received the FOI request *

20 Mar 2023

Current date the decision is due *

19 May 2023

Requested length of extension (*number of days*)

56

New decision due date if extension granted *

14 Jul 2023

Did you approach the applicant for an extension of time under s 15AA

Yes	No
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Why did you decide not to approach the applicant for an extension of time under s 15AA *

Due to a high level of FOI requests, OAIIC review requests, related litigation, staff leave and turnover we did not identify this FOI request until after it was deemed, following a recent auditing process.

Has the processing period been extended as a result of other statutory provisions, or are you considering such an extension? *
(*For example, through consultation provisions or provisions about charges that impact on the statutory due date*)

Yes	No
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Please list these and how they have impacted on the due date for the FOI application *

The scope of the FOI request includes approximately 15 separate documents which has required and will require consultation with 15 distinct third-parties under s 27A of the FOI Act. As we need to consult with third-parties, the original due date of 19 April 2023 has been extended for 30 days, as per s 15(6) of the FOI Act, until 19 May 2023.

Has the applicant raised any concerns about delays? *

If yes, please attach a copy of the correspondence received from the applicant. (see below for attaching files).

Yes	No
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Please describe the applicant's concerns. *

Applicant was concerned with the lack of response to their FOI request. See attachment

Please also explain the reasons for the request and why an extension would be justified. Requests for longer extensions of time (more than 30 days) will require greater justification.

Please provide a timeline setting out the work already completed in order to process this request. Where an extension of time has previously been granted, describe the work that was undertaken during that extended period. *

Our Office recently identified this request due to the reasons provided above on 22 May 2023. Since then we retrieved the documents within scope (which took approximately 10 hours), begun assessing the documents

What work is required to finalise the request? *

Our Office needs to finalise the third-party consultation requests regarding personal privacy and internal consultations regarding matter relating to potentially ongoing Public Interest Disclosures (PID) and other sensitive operational material. Once we have received our consultation responses from the various bodies we will need to redact/process the documents and prepare decision letter to applicant.

Please describe the scope and complexity of the request. Please provide the number of documents at issue and the number of folios, as well as any complexity in the nature of those document *

The applicant has requested 29 separate documents - original FOI requests we have received that are currently subject to IC Review. These documents contain the personal information of approximately 15-17 third parties (not including staff details) which requires consultation with each party, as well as potentially containing information relating to ongoing PID investigations and litigation.

Do other agencies or parties have an interest in the request? *

N/A

Please describe the measures that would be taken to ensure a decision is made within the period of the requested extension and to keep the applicant informed of the progress of the request *

This matter is currently being prepared by a Legal Officer, overseen by an EL1 Senior Legal Officer, and is being treated as a matter of utmost urgency. Our Office acknowledges our communication with the applicant could have been better

Please provide a copy of the FOI applicant's original FOI request and any revisions to the scope of the FOI request. *

Files you attach **must**:

- be in *.pdf, *.docx, *.doc, *.txt, *.jpg, *.gif, *.png format
- be no more than five files
- in total be no larger than 20MB.

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If you have documents to attach to this form, please do so here:

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