



FOI 21/22-0046: Number of FOI requests refused by the NDIA between 1 January 2021 and 14 July 2021

Scope	<i>The total number of FOI requests refused by the NDIA for the calender [sic] year 2021. That is, the total number of FOI requests that once submitted were refused (regardless of the justification) from January 2021 until 14 Jul 2021</i>
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Response

The National Disability Insurance Agency processes requests in accordance with the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth). This includes refusing requests where exemptions may apply to documents. For example, if a person is seeking personal information and they do not provide proof of identity or consent, then the request is refused on privacy grounds.

Out of the 556 requests (reduced from 606 after combining under section 24(2)), the total number of FOI requests between 1 January 2021 and 14 July 2021 that were refused was 60.

Table 1: Breakdown of the number of refused FOI requests by refusal reason between 1 January 2021 and 14 July 2021

Reason for refusal	Total
Documents do not exist (s24A)	27
Refused on privacy grounds (s47F)	18
Refused due to legal professional privilege (s42)	4
Refused on deliberative grounds (s47C)	5
Refused on certain operations of agencies (s47E)	2
Practical refusal (s24)	4