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2. Brief description of why some requests are not granted and an overview of certain general categories of the agency's records to which the FOIA exemptions apply.

A request for records may be denied if the requested record contains information which falls into one or more of the nine FOIA exemption categories listed in Section III, 3. If the requested record contains both exempt and nonexempt information, the nonexempt portions which may be reasonably segregated from the exempt portions will be released to the requester.

### III. ACRONYMS, DEFINITIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS

1. Definitions of terms used in this Report
  - a. Administrative Appeal – a request to a federal agency asking that it review at a higher administrative level a FOIA determination made by the agency at the initial request level.
  - b. Average Number – the number obtained by dividing the sum of a group of numbers by the quantity of numbers in the group. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the average number is 7.
  - c. Backlog – the number of requests or administrative appeals that are pending at an agency at the end of the fiscal year that are beyond the statutory time period for a response.
  - d. Component – for agencies that process requests on a decentralized basis, a “component” is an entity, also sometimes referred to as an Office, Division, Bureau, Center, or Directorate, within the agency that processes FOIA requests. The FOIA now requires that agencies include in their Annual FOIA Report data for both the agency overall and for each principal component of the agency.
  - e. Consultation – the procedure whereby the agency responding to a FOIA request first forwards a record to another agency for its review because that other agency has an interest in the document. Once the agency in receipt of the consultation finishes its review of the record, it responds back to the agency that forwarded it. That agency, in turn, will then respond to the FOIA requester.
  - f. Exemption 3 Statute – a federal statute that exempts information from disclosure and which the agency relies on to withhold information under subsection (b)(3) of the FOIA.
  - g. FOIA Request – a FOIA request is generally a request to a federal agency for access to records concerning another person (i.e., a “third-party” request), or concerning an organization, or a particular topic of interest. FOIA requests also include requests made by requesters seeking records concerning themselves (i.e., “first-party” requests) when those requesters are not subject to the Privacy Act, such as non-U.S. citizens. Moreover, because all first-party requesters should be afforded the benefit of both the access

provisions of the FOIA as well as those of the Privacy Act, FOIA requests also include any first-party requests where an agency determines that it must search beyond its Privacy Act “systems of records” or where a Privacy Act exemption applies, and the agency looks to FOIA to afford the greatest possible access. All requests which require the agency to utilize the FOIA in responding to the requester are included in this Report.

Additionally, a FOIA request includes records referred to the agency for processing and direct response to the requester. It does not, however, include records for which the agency has received a consultation from another agency. (Consultations are reported separately in Section XII of this Report.)

- h. Full Grant – an agency decision to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request.
- i. Full Denial – an agency decision not to release any records in response to a FOIA request because the records are exempt in their entirety under one or more of the FOIA exemptions, or because of a procedural reason, such as when no records could be located.
- j. Median Number – the middle, not average, number. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the median number is 7.
- k. Multi-Track Processing – a system in which simple requests requiring relatively minimal review are placed in one processing track and more voluminous and complex requests are placed in one or more other tracks. Requests granted expedited processing are placed in yet another track. Requests in each track are processed on a first in/first out basis.
- i. Expedited Processing – an agency will process a FOIA request on an expedited basis when a requester satisfies the requirements for expedited processing as set forth in the statute and in agency regulations.
- j. Simple Request – a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in its fastest (non-expedited) track based on the low volume and/or simplicity of the records requested.
- k. Complex Request – a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in a slower track based on the high volume and/or complexity of the records requested.
- l. Partial Grant/Partial Denial – in response to a FOIA request, an agency decision to disclose portions of the records and to withhold other portions that are exempt under the FOIA, or to otherwise deny a portion of the request for procedural reason.
- m. Pending Request or Pending Administrative Appeal – a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has not taken final action in all respects.
- n. Perfected Request – a request for records which reasonably describes such records and is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees, (if any) and procedures to be followed.
- o. Processed Request or Processed Administrative Appeal – a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has taken final action in all respects.
- p. Range in Number of Days – the lowest and highest number of days to process requests or administrative appeals.

q. Time Limits – the time period in the statute for an agency to respond to a FOIA request (ordinarily twenty working days from receipt of a perfected FOIA request).

2. Concise descriptions of the nine FOIA exemptions

- a. Exemption 1: classified national defense and foreign relations information
- b. Exemption 2: internal agency rules and practices
- c. Exemption 3: information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law
- d. Exemption 4: trade secrets and other confidential business information
- e. Exemption 5: inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges
- f. Exemption 6: information involving matters of personal privacy
- g. Exemption 7: records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual
- h. Exemption 8: information relating to the supervision of financial institutions
- i. Exemptions 9: geological information on wells

3. Agency Component Abbreviations

Component Abbreviation	Component Name
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis
BIS	Bureau of Industry and Security
Census	Bureau of the Census
EDA	Economic Development Administration
IOS	Immediate Office of the Secretary
ITA	International Trade Administration
MBDA	Minority Business Development Agency
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology

Component Abbreviation	Component Name
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NTIA	National Telecommunications and Information Administration
NTIS	National Technical Information Service
OIG	Office of Inspector General
OS	Office of the Secretary
PTO	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
InfoLaw	Information Law Division
OUSEA	Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs (formerly Economic and Statistics Administration. ESA)

#### IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Agency / Component	Number of Times Relied upon by Agency / Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency Overall
41 U.S.C. § 2102 (amending 41 U.S.C. § 423(a)(1))* (Procurement Integrity Act)	Contractor bid or proposal information; source selection information	Legal & Safety Employer Research, Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of the Army, No. Civ. S001748, 2001 WL 34098652, at *3-4 (E.D. Cal. May 4, 2001) (dictum).	OS	1	1
50 U.S.C. sec 2155(d) (Defense Production Act of 1950)	Information obtained under the Defense Production Act of 1950 that the President deems confidential or the person furnishing such information requests confidential treatment of the information.	N/A	OS	1	1
13 U.S.C. §§ 8(b), 9(a) (Census Act)	Certain census data	Baldrige v. Shapiro, 455 U.S. 345, 355 (1982).	Census	4	4
15 U.S.C. § 7306(d) (National Construction Safety Team Act)	"[A]ny information . . . receive[d] in the course of an investigation under this chapter if the Director finds that the disclosure of that information might jeopardize public safety"	Quick v. Dep't of Commerce, 775 F.Supp. 2d 174, 180-81 (D.D.C.2011).	NIST	2	2
31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(2)	Records pertaining to civil actions for false claims against the United States Government	N/A	OIG	1	1



Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Agency / Component	Number of Times Relied upon by Agency / Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency Overall
John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, P.L. 115-232 (formerly at 50 U.S.C. § 4614(c)(1) (Export Administration Act of 1979)	Information pertaining to license applications under the Export Administration Act	Wis. Project on Nuclear Arms Control v. U.S. Dep't of Commerce, 317 F.3d 275, 284 (D.C. Cir. 2003); Times Publ'g Co. v. U.S. Dep't of Commerce, 236 F.3d 1286, 1289-90 (11th Cir. 2001); Lessner v. U.S. Dep't of Commerce, 827 F.2d 1333, 1336-37 (9th Cir. 1987).	OS	2	2
35 U.S.C. § 122 (Patent Act)	Applications for patents; certain information pertaining to applications for patents	Irons & Sears v. Dann, 606 F.2d 1215, 1219-21 (D.C. Cir. 1979).	PTO	31	31
16 U.S.C. § 1881a(b)(1) (Magnuson-Stevens Act)	Certain information submitted to the Secretary, a State fishery management agency, or a marine fisheries commission by any person in compliance with the requirements of this chapter	N/A	NOAA	7	7
41 U.S.C. § 4702 (formerly at 41 U.S.C. § 253b(m)(1))	Contractor proposals that are in the possession or control of an executive agency and that have not been set forth or incorporated by reference into contracts	Sinkfield v. HUD, No. 10-885, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35233, at *13-15 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 15, 2012); Margolin v. NASA, No. 09-CV-00421, 2011 WL 1303221, at *6 (D. Nev. Mar. 31, 2011); Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 30 (D.D.C. 2003), summary affirmance granted, No. 03-5257, 2004 WL	PTO	5	5

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Agency / Component	Number of Times Relied upon by Agency / Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency Overall
		1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004).			
50 U.S.C. app. § 2170(c) (currently at 50 U.S.C. § 4565(c))	Information or documentary material filed with the President or President's designee pursuant to this section	N/A	IOS	1	1

## V.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED AND PENDING FOIA REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
BEA	1	19	12	8
BIS	11	114	90	35
Census	46	399	384	61
EDA	0	38	38	0
IOS	303	263	129	437
ITA	121	172	235	58
MBDA	2	5	6	1
NIST	28	93	87	34
NOAA	156	505	461	200
NTIA	8	43	46	5
NTIS	5	11	16	0
OIG	4	50	49	5
OS	180	340	144	376
PTO	25	328	313	40
OUSEA	0	11	7	4
AGENCY OVERALL	890	2,391	2,017	1,264

*After reviewing its database, NOAA, NIST and BIS adjusted the number of requests pending as of the start of the Fiscal Year.*

**V.B.(1). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- ALL PROCESSED REQUESTS**

Agency / Component	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants / Partial Denials	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions									TOTAL	
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request	Other *Explain in Chart Below		
BEA	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	12
BIS	15	13	17	13	0	0	6	2	2	10	10	2	2	90
Census	127	41	30	84	1	4	9	2	5	16	24	41	41	384
EDA	17	6	1	7	0	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	38
IOS	1	26	1	22	1	29	1	3	3	1	28	13	13	129
ITA	16	34	4	43	2	99	4	2	1	8	2	20	20	235
MBDA	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	6
NIST	27	16	1	15	0	3	12	4	0	6	2	1	1	87
NOAA	129	110	15	30	2	28	20	8	19	3	17	80	80	461
NTIA	13	10	1	4	0	3	4	1	0	6	4	0	0	46
NTIS	1	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	16
OIG	5	28	2	3	0	1	2	0	6	1	1	0	0	49
OS	9	11	1	17	0	10	0	5	15	20	11	45	45	144
PTO	74	115	10	39	0	8	19	2	1	0	0	45	45	313
OUSEA	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	7
AGENCY OVERALL	437	412	91	291	6	189	77	31	53	78	102	250	250	2,017

**V.B.(2). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- "OTHER" REASONS FOR "FULL DENIALS  
BASED ON REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS"**

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B(1)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
BEA	N/A	0	0
BIS	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	2	2
Census	Unable to Locate or Contact Requester	30	41
	Aggregate cases	3	
	Directed Requester to publicly available information	8	
PTO	Request Opened in Error	45	45
IOS	Directed requester to publicly available information	5	13
	Unable to Locate or Contact Requester	1	
	Aggregate Cases	5	
	Request Opened in Error	2	
ITA	Directed requester to publicly available information	2	20
	Unable to Locate or Contact Requester	17	
	Request opened in error	1	
NOAA	Aggregate cases	24	80
	Request opened in error	33	
	Directed requester to publicly available information	23	
NTIA	N/A	0	0
NTIS	Directed Requester to Publicly Available Information	3	3
OIG	N/A	0	0
OS	Unable to Locate or Contact Requester	12	45
	Litigation	1	
	Request opened in error	26	
	Directed requester to publicly available information	6	
EDA	N/A	0	0
MBDA	N/A	0	0
NIST	Directed requester to publicly available information	1	1
OUSEA	N/A	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL			250

**V.B.(3). DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED**

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
BEA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIS	0	0	1	1	3	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Census	0	0	4	7	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EDA	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOS	0	0	0	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ITA	0	1	0	6	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MBDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NIST	0	0	3	7	5	8	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
NOAA	0	3	6	47	28	81	3	1	9	0	1	0	0	0
NTIA	0	0	1	3	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	1	1	1	25	1	0	24	0	0	0	0	0
OS	0	0	2	3	5	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
PTO	0	4	35	25	14	98	4	0	13	0	9	0	0	0
OUSEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	2	8	53	108	79	248	9	1	48	1	15	0	0	0

**VI.A. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

Agency / Component	Number of Appeals Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
OIG	0	2	1	1
InfoLaw	91	54	60	85
PTO	0	9	7	2
AGENCY OVERALL	91	65	68	88

**VI.B. DISPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS -- ALL PROCESSED APPEALS**

Agency / Component	Number Affirmed on Appeal	Number Partially Affirmed & Partially Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number Completely Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Appeals Closed for Other Reasons	TOTAL
OIG	1	0	0	0	1
InfoLaw	21	12	5	22	60
PTO	1	3	3	0	7
AGENCY OVERALL	23	15	8	22	68



**VI.C.(1). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED**

Agency / Component	Ex. 1	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
OIG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
InfoLaw	1	0	3	6	5	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
PTO	0	0	1	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	1	0	4	6	7	6	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0

**VI.C.(2). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS**

Agency / Component	No Records	Records Referred at Initial Request Level	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper Request for Other Reasons	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request or Appeal	Request in Litigation	Appeal Based Solely on Denial of Request for Expedited Processing	Other *Explain in chart below
OIG	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
InfoLaw	5	2	8	10	0	4	0	0	3	5	0
PTO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	5	2	8	10	1	4	0	0	3	5	0

**VI.C.(3). REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- "OTHER" REASONS**

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denial on Appeal from Chart C(2)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
OIG	N/A	0	0
InfoLaw	N/A	0	0
PTO	N/A	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL			0

**VI.C.(4). RESPONSE TIME FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

Agency / Component	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
OIG	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
InfoLaw	161.50	243.26	<1	2,257.00
PTO	20.00	26.71	11.00	71.00
AGENCY OVERALL	20.00	94.66	<1	2,257.00

**VI.C.(5). TEN OLDEST PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS**

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Appeal	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Appeal
InfoLaw	Date of Appeal	2015-09-30	2015-03-09	2015-02-24	2015-01-07	2014-08-15	2014-02-11	2013-05-02	2013-04-26	2013-01-28	2012-11-02
	Number of Days Pending	1001	1145	1154	1186	1282	1412	1606	1610	1675	1732
OIG	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2019-09-23
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
PTO	Date of Appeal	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2019-09-23	2019-09-23	2019-09-23	2019-09-09	2019-09-05	2019-09-05
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	15	17	17
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Appeal	2015-09-30	2015-03-09	2015-02-24	2015-01-07	2014-08-15	2014-02-11	2013-05-02	2013-04-20	2013-01-28	2012-11-02
	Number of Days Pending	1001	1145	1154	1186	1282	1412	1606	1610	1675	1732

**VII.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR ALL PROCESSED PERFECTED REQUESTS**

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
BEA	3	3	2	4	<1	<1	<1	<1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BIS	15	25.02	<1	100	50	66.53	2	234	13	13	13	13
Census	14	24.05	<1	157	14	24.05	<1	157	23.5	46.8	1	141
EDA	13	12.4	<1	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
IOS	6	82.7	<1	445	275	301.77	<1	599	186	230.67	<1	522
ITA	138	291.35	<1	1305	88	338.39	<1	1790	304	304	304	304
MBDA	65	72	28	130	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NIST	6	9.51	<1	63	50	161.33	3	1592	6	6	6	6
NOAA	24	56.57	<1	521	54	111.6	1	581	20	53.08	5	175
NTIA	6.5	5.25	<1	14	18	58.21	<1	284	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NTIS	27	38.21	1	114	225	225	225	225	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OIG	20	20.51	<1	110	28.5	28.5	27	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OS	9	70.7	<1	375	473	400.7	32	701	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PTO	18	28.41	<1	286	19	27.96	1	185	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OUSEA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	15	52.12	<1	1305	50	158.54	<1	1790	22.03	108.92	<1	522

**VII.B. PROCESSED REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR PERFECTED REQUESTS IN WHICH INFORMATION WAS GRANTED**

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
BEA	22.5	22.5	<1	45	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BIS	18.5	29.57	<1	100	55	75.92	20	234	13	13	13	13
Census	17	16.92	<1	34	17.5	33.6	<1	157	15	28.2	3	86
EDA	11	12.71	3	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
IOS	223	222.75	<1	445	264	299.2	35	599	245	245	<1	490
ITA	293	314.12	1	1305	229	418.92	10	1790	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MBDA	59	52.67	28	71	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NIST	4.5	9.78	<1	17	75	214.72	3	1592	6	6	6	6
NOAA	37	68.56	<1	521	71	128.41	2	581	20	57.56	5	175
NTIA	2	3.27	<1	12	35.5	88.25	<1	284	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NTIS	1	1	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OIG	20	21.16	<1	110	28.5	28.5	27	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OS	137	145.75	<1	375	397	382.56	32	605	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PTO	20	33.44	2	268	20	30.81	1	185	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OUSEA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	20	71.67	<1	1305	63	170.08	<1	1790	15	69.95	<1	490

**VII.C. PROCESSED SIMPLE REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS**

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
BEA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
BIS	32	9	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
Census	136	34	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	172
EDA	32	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
IOS	17	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	1	30
ITA	17	8	6	2	4	3	1	4	1	2	4	8	21	81
MBDA	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
NIST	37	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
NOAA	85	46	16	11	4	4	11	2	4	0	10	4	1	198
NTIA	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
NTIS	6	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
OIG	28	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
OS	16	2	0	0	0	2	4	3	1	0	0	2	0	30
OUSEA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PTO	126	42	8	2	5	5	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	193
AGENCY OVERALL	559	160	44	22	20	16	19	10	8	3	17	17	23	918



**VII.C. PROCESSED COMPLEX REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS**

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
BEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIS	2	5	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	17
Census	122	43	4	1	5	1	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	185
EDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOS	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	12	8	8	35
ITA	11	4	5	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	4	1	34
MBDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NIST	4	11	5	5	0	4	0	0	3	1	1	0	4	38
NOAA	29	34	15	12	12	5	2	3	1	6	13	8	10	150
NTIA	11	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	19
NTIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
OIG	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
OS	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	3	17	30
PTO	55	15	3	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	81
OUSEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	235	119	39	28	20	13	13	8	8	10	35	23	41	592

**VII.C. PROCESSED REQUESTS GRANTED EXPEDITED PROCESSING -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS**

Agency / Component	<1-20 Days	21-40 Days	41-60 Days	61-80 Days	81-100 Days	101-120 Days	121-140 Days	141-160 Days	161-180 Days	181-200 Days	201-300 Days	301-400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
BEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CENSUS	4	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
EDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
ITA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
MBDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NIST	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
NOAA	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	12
NTIA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PTO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OUSEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	17	3	0	0	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	2	31

## VII.D. PENDING REQUESTS -- ALL PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE			COMPLEX			EXPEDITED PROCESSING		
	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days
BEA	1	124	124	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
BIS	11	124	116.09	9	54	53.67	0	N/A	N/A
Census	11	3	23.18	38	15.5	32.66	2	90	90
ITA	33	229	235.97	16	324.5	500	3	430	401
MBDA	1	1	1	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
NIST	7	34	40.43	25	123	362	0	N/A	N/A
NOAA	134	42	91.74	74	173	199.01	7	10.5	96
NTIA	0	N/A	N/A	5	133	150.2	0	N/A	N/A
NTIS	1	46	46	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
OIG	3	7	9	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
OS	46	530	501.24	97	484	420.5	2	484	484
PTO	23	20	57	14	36	136	0	N/A	N/A
IOS	79	155	169.97	275	278	279.79	3	160.5	249.06
EDA	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
OUSEA	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	350	44	122	553	133	237	17	160	264

*As noted in Section VII.A., one complex request at NIST which was closed in the system was reopened and this may have minimally impacted the median and average times in the complex track.*



Agency / Component		10th Oldest Request	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Request
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	201
OIG	Date of Receipt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2019-08-14	2018-09-25	2018-09-20
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	254	257
OS	Date of Receipt	2017-10-31	2017-10-11	2017-09-20	2017-08-24	2017-08-22	2017-08-18	2017-07-24	2017-06-19	2016-07-22	2016-06-30
	Number of Days Pending	480	494	508	526	528	530	549	573	800	815
PTO	Date of Receipt	2018-07-02	2018-01-23	2018-01-23	2018-01-23	2017-12-21	2017-12-21	2017-12-21	2017-11-21	2017-11-21	2017-11-21
	Number of Days Pending	313	425	425	425	445	445	445	466	466	466
BEA	Date of Receipt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2019-02-07
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	164
EDA	Date of Receipt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OUSEA	Date of Receipt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Receipt	2016-07-18	2016-07-13	2016-01-27	2015-06-15	2015-02-09	2014-11-03	2014-10-03	2013-09-18	2012-08-22	2011-10-31
	Number of Days Pending	804	807	924	1078	1166	1231	1251	1513	1783	1987

### VIII.A. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
BEA	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
BIS	1	11	7	32.83	7
Census	9	29	8.5	17.55	22
EDA	0	2	1	1	2
IOS	28	8	56	68.19	8
ITA	0	12	8.5	21.17	8
MBDA	1	0	9	9	1
NIST	1	3	6	7.5	2
NOAA	29	44	8	19.63	47
NTIA	0	3	5	4.67	3
NTIS	0	1	36	36	0
OIG	0	1	3	3	1
OS	1	29	49	68.17	9
PTO	0	3	7	13.67	2
OUSEA	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	70	146	8	23.26	112

## VIII.B. REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
BEA	4	0	1	9
BIS	31	2	1	8.45
Census	18	48	1	3.52
EDA	1	8	1	1
IOS	94	4	1	18.79
ITA	17	18	9.8	9.8
MBDA	0	1	52	52
NIST	0	14	4.5	6.64
NOAA	123	42	1	1
NTIA	7	2	4	7
NTIS	1	1	25	25
OIG	2	4	1	1.67
OS	3	3	1	63.33
PTO	0	1	20	20
OUSEA	0	0	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	301	148	1	16

## IX. FOIA PERSONNEL AND COSTS

Agency / Component	PERSONNEL			COSTS		
	Number of "Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Number of "Equivalent Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Total Number of "Full-Time FOIA Staff"	Processing Costs	Litigation-Related Costs	Total Costs
BEA	0	0.63	0.63	\$103,008.00	\$0.00	\$103,008.00
BIS	1.42	0.01	1.43	\$171,598.79	\$0.00	\$171,598.79
Census	9	0	9	\$726,819.00	\$0.00	\$726,819.00
EDA	0.22	0	0.22	\$22,565.06	\$0.00	\$22,565.06
OUSEA	0	0.2	0.2	\$3,214.87	\$0.00	\$3,214.87
IOS	1.25	1	2.25	\$333,845.72	\$0.00	\$333,845.72
ITA	3	5.74	8.74	\$1,016,276.99	\$0.00	\$1,016,276.99
MBDA	0.05	0	0.05	\$9,628.00	\$0.00	\$9,628.00
NIST	0	2.25	2.25	\$272,989.00	\$0.00	\$272,989.00
NOAA	8	14.75	22.75	\$2,423,314.80	\$0.00	\$2,423,314.80
NTIA	2.05	0	2.05	\$279,699.29	\$0.00	\$279,699.29
NTIS	0.72	0	0.72	\$92,336.00	\$0.00	\$92,336.00
OIG	0	0.8	0.8	\$60,816.00	\$0.00	\$60,816.00
OS	1.5	2	3.5	\$324,014.10	\$0.00	\$324,014.10
PTO	7.5	0	7.5	\$1,154,414.66	\$0.00	\$1,154,414.66
InfoLaw	0	3.35	3.35	\$453,236.37	\$174,447.10	\$627,683.47
AGENCY OVERALL	34.71	30.73	65.44	\$7,447,776.65	\$174,447.10	\$7,622,223.75

*The Department Notes that the FY 2018 FOIA personnel and costs reported for Census and MBDA were incorrect.*



## X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Total Amount of Fees Collected	PerCENSUStage of Total Costs
BEA	\$0.00	0.00%
BIS	\$0.00	0.00%
Census	\$0.00	0.00%
EDA	\$936.00	4.15%
OUSEA	\$0.00	0.00%
IOS	\$0.00	0.00%
ITA	\$0.00	0.00%
MBDA	\$0.00	0.00%
NIST	\$744.40	0.27%
NOAA	\$44,783.79	1.85%
NTIA	\$17,342.80	6.20%
NTIS	\$0.00	0.00%
OIG	\$140.00	0.23%
OS	\$0.00	0.00%
PTO	\$22,692.04	1.97%
AGENCY OVERALL	\$86,639.03	1.16%

## XI.A. NUMBER OF TIMES SUBSECTION (C) USED

Agency / Component	Number of Times Subsection Used
BEA	0
BIS	0
Census	0
EDA	0
IOS	0
ITA	0
MBDA	0
NIST	0
NOAA	0
NTIA	0
NTIS	0
OIG	0
OS	0
PTO	0
OUSEA	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0

## XI.B. NUMBER OF SUBSECTION (A)(2) POSTINGS

Agency / Component	Number of Records Posted by the FOIA Office	Number of Records Posted by Program Offices
BEA	0	0
BIS	0	28
Census	0	4,500
EDA	0	0
OUSEA	0	0
IOS	4,681	0
ITA	0	0
MBDA	0	0
NIST	0	0
NOAA	0	0
NTIA	0	615
NTIS	0	0
OIG	0	22
OS	0	0
PTO	0	3,809,909
AGENCY OVERALL	4,681	3,815,074

## XII.A. BACKLOGS OF FOIA REQUESTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
BEA	1	0
BIS	18	0
Census	14	0
EDA	0	0
OUSEA	0	0
IOS	314	0
ITA	48	0
MBDA	0	0
NIST	25	0
NOAA	121	0
NTIA	4	0
NTIS	1	0
OIG	0	0
OS	136	0
PTO	39	0
InfoLaw	0	85
AGENCY OVERALL	721	85

**XII.B. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING CONSULTATIONS**

Agency / Component	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>Start</u> of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations <u>Received</u> from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Processed</u> by the Agency During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year
BEA	0	0	0	0
BIS	2	11	7	6
Census	0	2	2	0
EDA	0	0	0	0
IOS	7	9	2	14
ITA	11	13	19	5
MBDA	0	0	0	0
NIST	0	2	2	0
NOAA	3	34	30	7
NTIA	1	2	3	0
NTIS	0	1	0	1
OIG	0	2	1	1
OS	1	4	2	3
PTO	0	6	6	0
OUSEA	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	25	86	74	37

*After reviewing its database, NTIA and OS adjusted the number of consults pending as of the start of the Fiscal Year.*

**XII.C. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND PENDING AT THE AGENCY**

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Consultation	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation
IOS	Date	2019-03-29	2019-03-22	2019-03-18	2019-03-18	2019-02-28	2018-06-28	2018-06-22	2018-06-06	2017-12-18	2017-12-04
	Number of Days	129	134	138	138	150	314	318	330	447	458
ITA	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2019-08-09	2019-04-01	2019-04-01	2017-09-18	2015-07-16
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	36	128	128	510	1056
NOAA	Date	2019-09-18	2019-09-17	2019-09-17	2019-07-23	2019-06-18	2019-06-18	2019-06-03	2019-05-16	2019-03-27	2019-03-06
	Number of Days	9	10	10	49	73	73	84	95	131	146
BEA	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIS	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	2019-06-28	2019-06-27	2019-03-14	2019-03-11	2019-03-04	2017-11-24	2016-10-31
	Number of Days	0	0	0	64	66	140	143	148	464	731
Census	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OUSA	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MBDA	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NIST	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NTIA	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OIG	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OS	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2019-03-05	2019-01-30	2016-11-18

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Consultation	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	147	170	718
PTO	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2019-03-06
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	146
NTIS	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2019-03-01
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149
EDA	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	Date	2018-06-28	2018-06-22	2018-06-06	2017-12-18	2017-12-04	2017-11-24	2017-09-18	2016-11-18	2016-10-31	2015-07-16
	Number of Days	314	318	330	448	458	464	510	718	731	1056

**XII.D.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- REQUESTS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED**

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
BEA	10	19	12	12
BIS	83	114	83	90
Census	345	399	338	384
EDA	57	38	58	38
OUSEA	8	11	8	7
IOS	318	263	119	129
ITA	133	172	91	235
MBDA	6	5	7	6
NIST	77	93	81	87
NOAA	450	505	453	461
NTIA	57	43	52	46
NTIS	12	11	19	16
OIG	74	50	72	49
OS	308	340	240	144
PTO	331	328	343	313
AGENCY OVERALL	2,269	2,391	1,976	2,017



**II.D.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED REQUESTS**

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
BEA	0	1
BIS	2	18
CENSUS	15	14
EDA	0	0
IOS	228	314
ITA	81	48
MBDA	1	0
NIST	17	25
NOAA	99	121
NTIA	4	4
NTIS	3	1
OIG	0	0
PTO	10	39
OS	112	136
OUSEA	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	572	721

**XII.E.(1). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- APPEALS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED**

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF APPEALS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
OIG	8	2	8	1
InfoLaw	93	54	43	60
PTO	14	9	15	7
AGENCY OVERALL	115	65	66	68

**XII.E.(2). COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED APPEALS**

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
OIG	0	0
PTO	0	0
InfoLaw	82	85
AGENCY OVERALL	82	85