

FOI 2474

27/06/2024

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

**Question:**

**Please confirm how many letters/emails etc. were directed to the Chief Executive Dr Maria O’Kane from Members of Legislative Assembly (MLA) in 2022, 2023.**

**If possible, please provide this information to the following party groupings:**

- 1 Alliance**
- 2 Democratic Unionist Party**
- 3 Sinn Fein**
- 4 Social Democratic and Labour Party**

**However, if this information is not held, please just supply the overall number of requests, and I can then contact the parties directly for the additional information I require.**

**Please confirm the average response time to these communications again by Party groupings.**

**Please advise if any query before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 remains unresolved., if so please confirm when each unresolved enquiry was received and which party grouping raised the query,**

**Again, if this information is not held, please just supply the overall number of if any queries raised before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 that remain unresolved, I can then contact the parties directly for the additional information I require.**

**Please confirm how many letters/emails etc. were directed to Vivienne Toal Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development from Members of Legislative Assembly (MLA) in 2022, 2023.**

**If possible, please provide this information to the following party groupings:**

- 1 Alliance**
- 2 Democratic Unionist Party**
- 3 Sinn Fein**
- 4 Social Democratic and Labour Party**

**However, if this information is not held, please just supply the overall number of requests, and I can then contact the parties directly for the additional information I require.**

**Response:**

Your request for information regarding letters / emails directed to the Chief Executive Dr Maria O'Kane & Vivienne Toal Director of Human Resources from Members of Legislative Assembly (MLA) in 2022 & 2023, has now been considered and unfortunately the information cannot be provided.

The information requested is not centrally recorded and in order to provide this information a significant manual trawl of records from a number of sources is required. The cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. In order to obtain this information, it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit.

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