Freedom of Information Statistics for Quarter 3 of 2026

During the period of this report the Department received 255 (252 FOI & 3 EIR) requests, with 12 resulting in a request for Internal Review (IR).

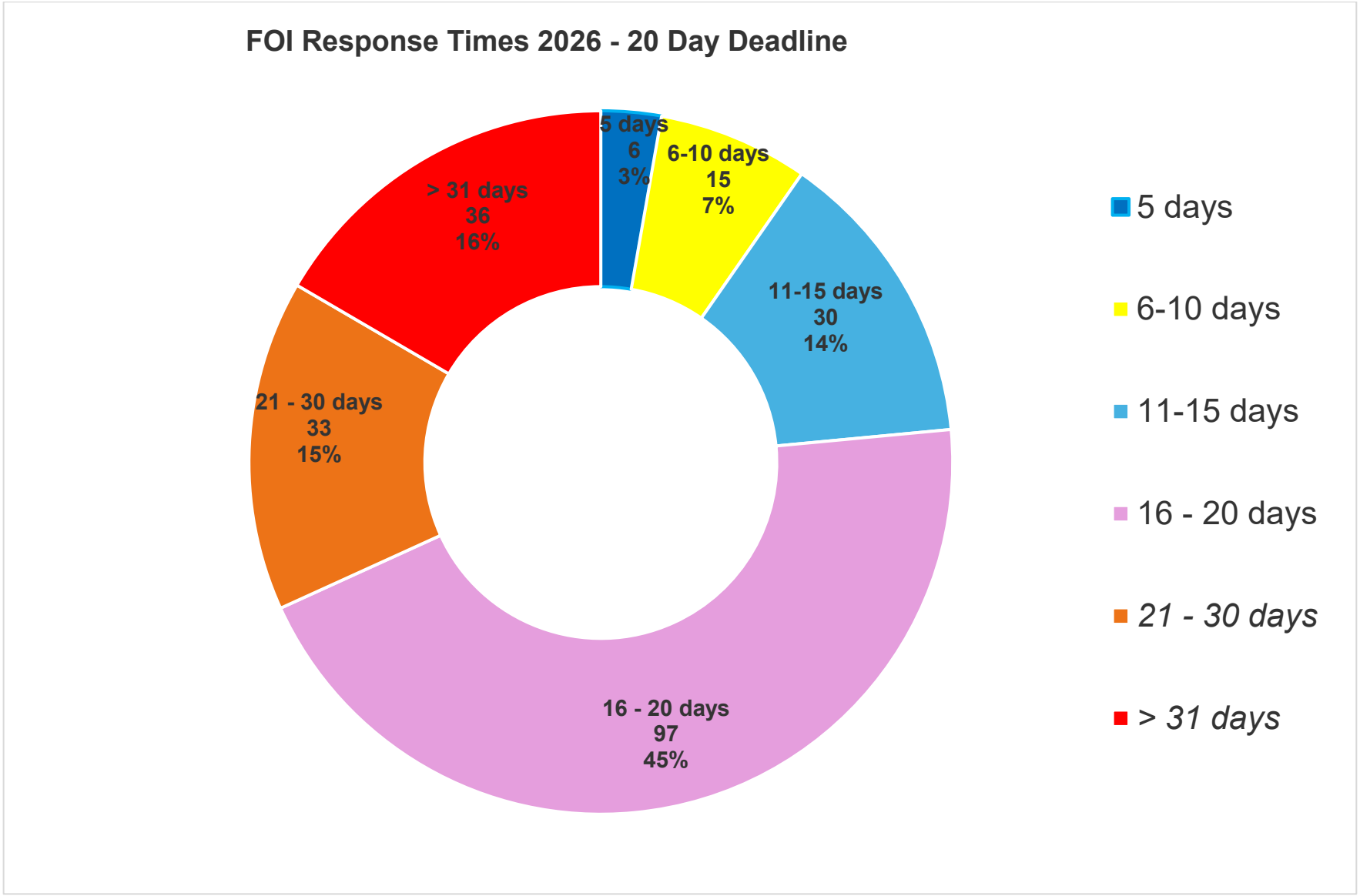
A further 136 requests were received and answered by IMB staff in consultation with Department business areas or referred to other various organisations.

The graphs below cover activity between 1 January 2026 until 02 October 2026.

Number of Freedom of Information requests allocated to and handled by each Directorate:

Requests / Responses by Directorate	FOI
CDIO Group	2
Office of the Chief Medical Officer	6
Disability and Older People	6
Elective Care & Cancer Policy	5
Emergency Resilience & Protecting Health	0
Family & Children's Policy	4
Finance / Governance	4
Healthcare Inquiries Oversight	8
Health Estates	7
Information & Analysis	31
Press Office - Communications (Information Office)	3
Infrastructure & Investment	4
Information Management Branch	13
Mental Health	7
Nursing, Midwifery & AHP	1
Chief Social Work Officer/Office of Social Services Director	0
Pharmaceutical	3
Population Health	6
Primary Care	1
Private Office	13
Public Inquiries and Public Safety	0
Quality, Safety & Improvement	9
Secondary Care	4
Strategic Planning & Performance Group	94
Social Care Reform	1
Trust Sponsorship, Public Appointments & DoH Development	6
Workforce Policy	14
Total Number of Requests	**252**

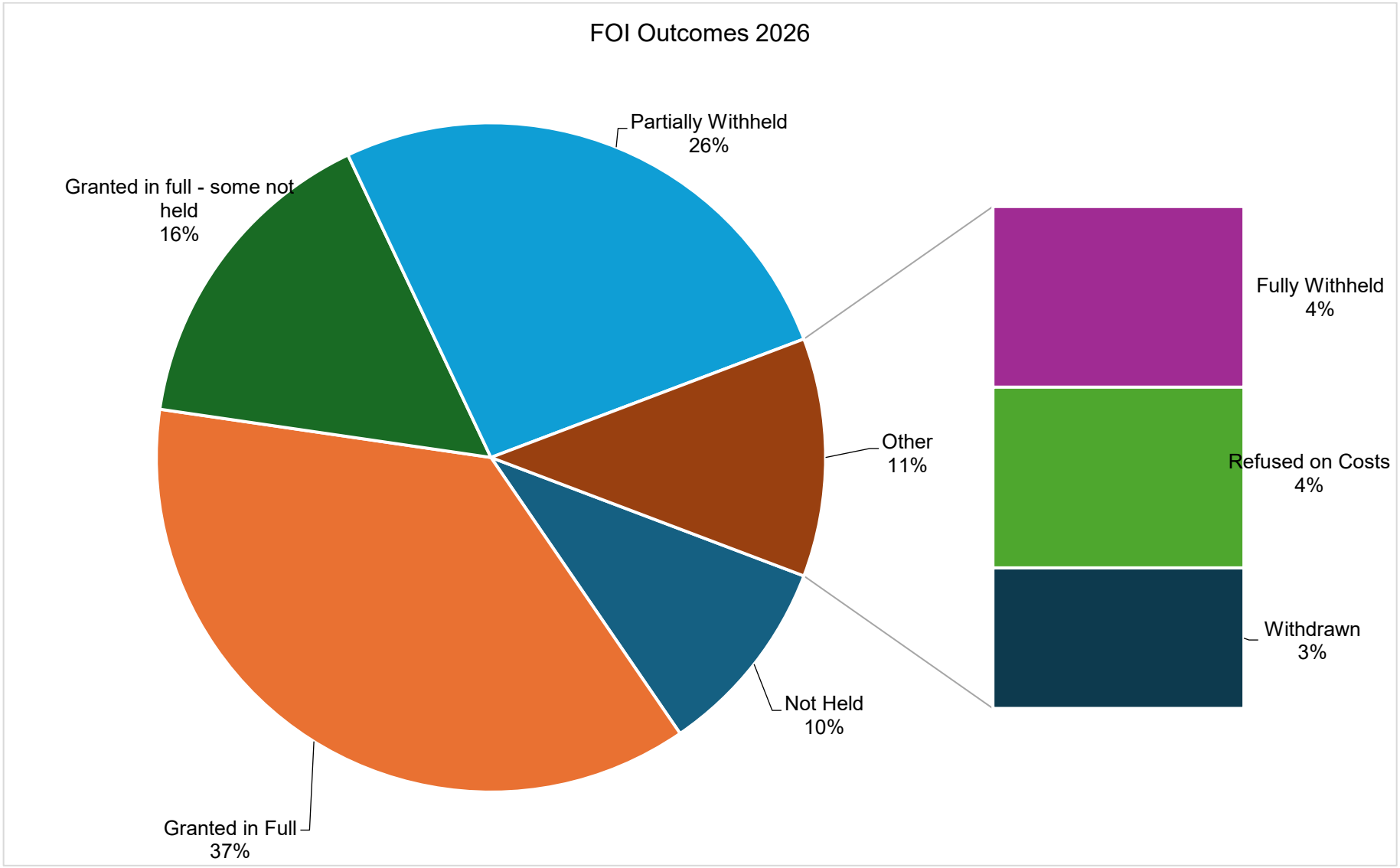
FoI response times for Qtr 3 2026 – 20-day deadline*



*Note: This chart is representative of 217 completed FOI requests.

The figure of 31% for responses issued outside the legislative time frame of 20 working has been raised as unacceptable by Senior Management.

Analysis of the number and type of decisions on the release of material recorded:



Breakdown of the sources of requests:

