

# Access to Public Information Response

October 27<sup>th</sup> 2015

## REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Request sent on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2015:

Dear Policy Council,

I have outstanding requests with the Policy Council for information surrounding the FTP that were submitted several months ago – and indeed first submitted I believe more than a year ago. The code includes the stipulation that the relevant department will seek to respond within 20 working days and if that was not possible an explanation should be given as to why. I would like a formal written explanation outlining the delay in this case.

The Policy Council records all requests made. Could it provide us with a full list of the requests made so far under the code, including the results, timeframes, and any costs associated with them?

States of Guernsey response on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2015:

Thank you for your request under the Access to Public Information (“API”) Code for the number of requests made so far, including the results, timeframes and any costs associated with them. Please find attached details of the API requests we have received since the API Code was implemented fully on 31 March 2014.

The States will always try to adhere to its policy of replying within 20 working days to API requests, however there are times when the work required within the timeframe is not possible often due to the complexity of the request or when a cross-departmental response is required. Any extension to this should be communicated to the questioner.

Costs are variable and dependent on who compiles the information, an approximate cost in staff time is £2,800.

A total of 32 API requests (including this one) have been received. Whilst this number may be considered relatively low it is worth noting that all States of Guernsey Departments proactively publish large amounts of data, facts and figures, and statistical bulletins as well as responding without a formal API request to a large number of information requests from media, islanders and businesses.

Appendix 1

Year received	Department / Committee	Subject	Request valid under Code? (Y/N)	Date response sent	# clear working days to respond	Exemption applied/notes
25/03/2014	Education	Beaucamp school attendance	Yes	01/04/2014	4	
07/04/2014	Health & Social Services	Enteral nutrition contract	Yes	22/05/2014	32	
23/04/2014	Public Services	Noise abatement	Yes	30/04/2014	5	
15/07/2014	Health & Social Services	Air pollution levels	No	-	-	Request from Environmental Health to narrow down request through resubmission. Resubmission not sent.
19/08/2014	Environment	CT Plus - contract dispute	No	09/09/2014	15	Exemption 2.8 (public employment)
22/08/2014	Health & Social Services	Hydrotherapy pool	Yes	-	-	Response sent within timeframe - date unavailable
22/08/2014	Policy Council	FTP reports to Policy Council	No	23/09/2014	20	Exemption 2.4 (internal discussion and policy advice) cited.
16/09/2014	Policy Council	Travel expenses	Yes	16/09/2015	0	
18/09/2014	Health & Social Services	Statistics - under-18 pregnancies	Yes	14/10/2014	16	
30/09/2014	Chief Executive	FTP reports to Policy Council	No	26/03/2015	130	Exemption 2.10 (publication and prematurity in relation to publication) cited for decision deferral until May 2015 debate
30/09/2014	Policy Council/Public Accounts Committee	FTP quarterly reports	No	26/03/2015	130	Exemption 2.10 (publication and prematurity in

08/10/2014	All Departments	PR expenditure by Department	Yes	03/03/2015	86	relation to publication) - deferred until publication of final FTP report Delay due to receiving costs across all Departments
14/10/2014	Policy Council	Firefighting foams	No	17/10/2014	3	Exemption 2.9 (voluminous or vexatious requests) cited.
03/11/2014	Public Services	PR contract for MyHarbours	No	05/12/2014	24	Exemption 2.13 (third party's commercial confidences) cited.
24/11/2014	Health & Social Services	Statistics - self-harm	Yes	-	-	Response sent within timeframe - date unavailable
15/12/2014	Policy Council/Treasury & Resources	Lower Garden Holdings Ltd	No	11/02/2015	37	Exemption 2.9 (voluminous or vexatious requests) cited.
18/12/2014	Home	Statistics - arrests	Yes	19/12/2014	1	
03/02/2015	Policy Council	Firefighting foams	No	04/02/2015	1	Exemption 2.9 (voluminous or vexatious requests) cited.