

Castletown Town Commissioners



Freedom of Information Statistics Report for the Municipal Year May 2025 to April 2026

The following information sets out the Freedom of Information (FOI) requests received by Castletown Town Commissioners during the period August to December 2025. This publication forms part of the Commissioners' commitment to transparency and openness, and the details of the FOIs received will also be made available on the Commissioners' website, which is currently being updated.

Since the Freedom of Information Act 2015 was extended to Local Authorities on 1 January 2018, the Commissioners received just 2 FOI requests during 2018, there were no requests received between 2019 and July 2025. However, during the four-month period from August to December 2025, the Commissioners received 14 FOI requests, representing a significant increase in demand on Town Hall resources.

The FOI requests received by the Commissioners for the Municipal Year 2025 to 2026.

Date	FOI Reference	Castletown Resident	Non-Castletown Resident
21 Aug 2025	001003		✓
21 Aug 2025	001005		✓
21 Aug 2025	001006		✓
21 Aug 2025	001007		✓
8 Sep 2025	001011		✓
8 Sep 2025	001012		✓
8 Sep 2025	001013		✓
25 Sep 2025	001015		✓
26 Sep 2025	001016		✓
3 Oct 2025	001020		✓
22 Oct 2025	001021		✓
30 Oct 2025	001023	✓	
16 Dec 2025	001032		✓
16 Dec 2025	001033	✓	
Total		2	12
Grand Total	14		

The Commissioners fully support the principles of Freedom of Information and remain committed to complying with their statutory obligations.

However, the Commissioners wish to advise that the substantial increase in requests in the 2025/2026 year will have resulted in a considerable financial cost to the Castletown Ratepayers.

Responding to FOI requests requires a significant commitment of Town Hall administrative resources and, due to the statutory response deadlines imposed by the legislation, such requests frequently have to be given a higher priority over other operational and administrative activities.

Details of FOI requests and responses will be made available through the Castletown Town Commissioners' website, which is currently being updated to make this information more readily accessible.