

Openness and transparency

NERC is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, and also the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 which provide broadly similar access rights to the Act but relate specifically to information about the environment. We work with the other Research Councils to ensure a consistent approach to open access legislation on key business activities.

During 2010 we answered 35 requests for information under the legislation, compared to 36 the previous year. The requests covered a wide range of subjects from business policy to research outputs. We answered 97 percent of our requests, some of which were complex and voluminous, within the statutory time limit.

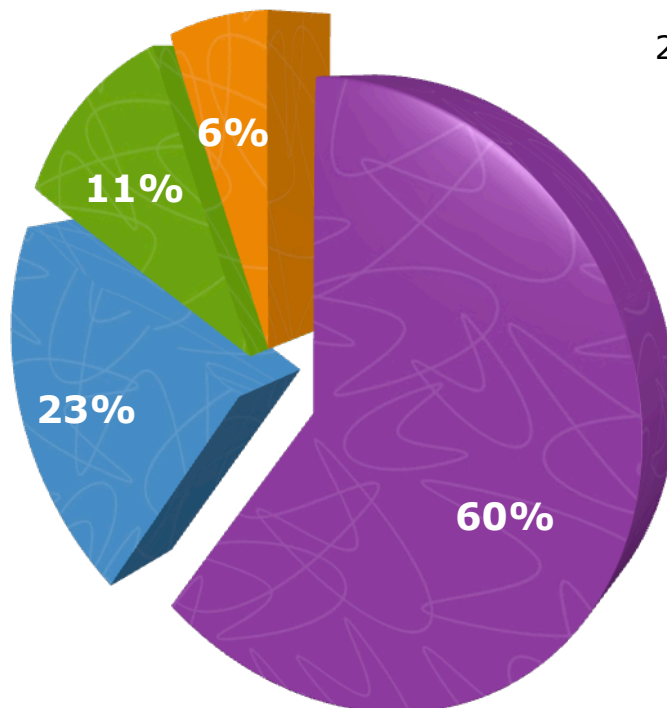
Much of our information is readily available without a specific Freedom of Information Act request; for details see our Publication Scheme at foi.nerc.ac.uk.

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2010 FOI requests - by Subject



- Business policy & operations
- Outputs
- Research policy & operations
- Funding for Application