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Introduction

1. This note is to advise users of the addition of new statistics on requests to the Government Equalities Office in the Q1 2010 edition of the bulletin 'Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Statistics on implementation in central government', which is published today, 24 June 2010.

Summary

2. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the associated Environmental Information Regulations 2004 came fully into force on 1 January 2005. The Freedom of Information monitoring statistics have been published by the Ministry of Justice and, previously, the Department for Constitutional Affairs since this time, and report on the handling of written requests for information received by monitored bodies during each quarter.
3. The Government Equalities Office (GEO) is a ministerial department created in October 2007 and is responsible for equalities legislation and policy in the UK. Requests to the GEO have not previously been included in the statistics, but are now included in the Q1 2010 edition for the first time, since the statistics are intended to cover all ministerial departments. This change should be borne in mind when comparing for the Departments of State and all monitored bodies groups with earlier quarters when GEO were not included in the statistics. However, the GEO's small volume of requests in Q1 (30 requests) means that direct comparisons can still be made.

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