HHS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ANNUAL REPORT — FY 2010

I. BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING REPORT

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2. ELECTRONIC ADDRESS FOR THIS REPORT ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB:

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Administration on Aging (AOA):

http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Site Utilities/FOIA/

Administration for Children and Families (ACF):

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/acf_foia.html

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ):

http://www.ahrq.gov/news/foia.htm

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

http://www.cdc.gov/od/foia/

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS):

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/foia/

Food and Drug Administration (FDA):

http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/foi/

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA):

http://www.hrsa.gov/foia/

Indian Health Service (IHS): http://www.ihs.gov/AdminMngrResources/FOIA/

National Institute of Health (NIH): http://www.nih.gov/icd/od/foia/

Office of Inspector General (OIG): http://oig.hhs.gov/foia/

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration: http://www.samhsa.gov/foia/

Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS): http://www.psc.gov/foia/

II. HOW TO MAKE A FOIA REQUEST

Requests may be submitted electronically at: http://www.hhs.gov/foia/request/index.html

1. HHS and OPDIV Freedom of Information Officers/FOIA Requester Service Centers

Health and Human Services (HHS) Freedom of Information Officer Mary E. Switzer Building, Room 2206 330 C Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201

Phone: 202-690-7453

Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Freedom of Information Officer

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7th Floor West
Aerospace Building
Washington, D.C. 20447
Phone: 202-401-9215

Administration on Aging (AOA) Freedom of Information Officer Washington, D.C. 20201

Phone: 202-357-3540

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Freedom of Information Officer North Building, Room N2-20-06 7500 Security Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Phone: 410-786-5353

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Freedom of Information Officer Cohen Building, Suite 1062 330 Independence Ave, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 Phone: 202-619-2541

Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS)

Freedom of Information Officer Room 17-66, Parklawn Building 5600 Fishers Lane

Rockville, MD 20857 Phone: 301-443-5252 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Freedom of Information Officer 540 Gaither Road The Eisenberg Building, Room 2222

Rockville, Maryland 20850

Phone: 301-427-1866

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and/or Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Freedom of Information Officer 1600 Clifton Road, N.E., MS D-54 Atlanta, Georgia 30333

Atlanta, Georgia 30333 Phone: 404-498-1580

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Freedom of Information Officer Parklawn Building, Room 6-30 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, Maryland 20857

Phone: 301-827-6567

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Freedom of Information Officer Parklawn Building, Room 14-15 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, Maryland 20857

Phone: 301-443-3376

Indian Health Service (IHS)
Freedom of Information Officer
12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450
Twinbrook II, Metro Plaza Building
Rockville, Maryland 20857

Phone: 301-443-1116

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Freedom of Information Officer Building 31, Room 5B35 9000 Rockville Pike Bethesda, Maryland 20892

Phone: 301-496-5633

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Freedom of Information Officer 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 8-1042 Rockville, Maryland 20857

Phone: 240-276-2137

2. Brief description of why some requests are not granted: Documents requested were protected by an exemption and release would have caused harm to the interest protected by the exemption. Information withheld may include home addresses and phone numbers, social security numbers, medical records, proprietary business records, investigatory records, that if released may interfere with open investigations, and drafts of documents.

III. ACRONYMS, DEFINITIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS:

1. Agency-specific acronyms or other terms:

HHS - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

OPDIVs - Operating Divisions of HHS

OS - Office of the Secretary, HHS

OASPA - Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, HHS

AoA - Administration on Aging

ACF - Administration for Children and Families

AHRQ - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

ATSDR - Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FDA - Food and Drug Administration

HRSA - Health Resources and Services Administration

IHS - Indian Health Service

NIH - National Institutes of Health

OIG – Office of the Inspector General

OPHS - Office of Public Health and Science

PHS - Public Health Service

PRO - Professional Review Organization

PSC - Program Support Center

SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

- 2. Basic terms (from FOIA UPDATE, Summer 1997):
 - a. **Administrative Appeal** a request to a federal agency asking that it review at a higher administrative level a FOIA determination made by the agency at the initial request level.
 - b. **Average Number** the number obtained by dividing the sum of a group of numbers by the quantity of numbers in the group. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the average number is 8.
 - c. **Backlog** the number of requests or administrative appeals that are pending at an agency at the end of the fiscal year that are beyond the statutory time period for a response.
 - d. **Component** for agencies that process requests on a decentralized basis, a "component" is an entity, also sometimes referred to as an Office, Division, Bureau, Center, or Directorate, within the agency that processes FOIA requests. The FOIA now requires that agencies include in their annual report data for both the agency overall and for each principal component of the agency.

- e. **Consultation** the procedure whereby the agency responding to a FOIA request first forwards a record to another agency for its review because that agency has an interest in the document. Once the agency in receipt of the consultation finishes its review of the record, it responds back to the agency that forwarded it. That Agency, in turn, will then respond to the FOIA requester.
- f. **Exemption 3 Statute** a federal statute that exempts information from disclosure and which the agency relies on to withhold information under subsection (b)(3) of the FOIA.
- g. **FOIA Request** a FOIA request is generally a request to a federal agency for access to records concerning another person (i.e., a "third-party" request), or concerning an organization, or a particular topic of interest. FOIA requests also include requests made by requesters seeking records concerning themselves (i.e., "first-party" requests) when those requesters are not subject to the Privacy Act, such as non-U.S. citizens. Moreover, because all first-party requesters should be afforded the benefit of both the access provisions of the FOIA as well as those of the Privacy Act, FOIA requests also include any first-party requests where an agency determines that it must search beyond its Privacy Act "systems of records" or where a Privacy Act exemption applies, and the agency looks to FOIA to afford the greatest possible access. All requests which require the agency to utilize the FOIA in responding to the requester are included in this Report. Additionally, a FOIA request includes records referred to the agency for processing and direct response to the requester. It does not, however, include records for which the agency has received a consultation from another agency. (Consultations are reported separately in Section XII of this Report.)
- h. **Full Grant** an agency decision to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request.
- Full Denial an agency decision not to release any records in response to a FOIA
 request because the records are exempt in their entireties under one or more of the
 FOIA exemptions, or because of a procedural reason, such as when no records
 could be located.
- j. **Median Number** Median Number the middle, not average, number. For example, of 3, 7, and 14, the median number is 7.
- k. **Multi-Track Processing** a system in which simple requests requiring relatively minimal review are placed in one processing track and more voluminous and complex requests are placed in one or more other tracks. Requests granted expedited processing are placed in yet another track. Requests in each track are processed on a first in/first out basis.
 - (A) **Expedited Processing** an agency will process a FOIA request on an expedited basis when a requester satisfies the requirements for expedited processing as set forth in the statute and in agency regulations.
 - (B) **Simple Request** a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in its fastest (non-expedited) track based on the low volume and/or simplicity of the records requested.

- (C) **Complex Request** a FOIA request that an agency using multi-track processing places in a slower track based on the high volume and/or complexity of the records requested.
- 1. **Partial Grant/Partial Denial** in response to a FOIA request, an agency decision to disclose portions of the records and to withhold other portions that are exempt under the FOIA, or to otherwise deny a portion of the request for a procedural reason.
- m. **Pending Request or Pending Administrative Appeal** a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has not taken final action in all respects.
- n. **Perfected Request** a request for records which reasonably describes such records and is made in accordance with published rules stating the time, place, fees (if any) and procedures to be followed.
- o. **Processed Request or Processed Administrative Appeal** a request or administrative appeal for which an agency has taken final action in all respects.
- p. **Range in Number of Days** the lowest and highest number of days to process requests or administrative appeals.
- q. **Time Limits** the time period in the statute for an agency to respond to a FOIA request (ordinarily twenty working days from receipt of a perfected FOIA request).
- 3. Concise descriptions of the nine FOIA exemptions:
 - a. **Exemption 1:** classified national defense and foreign relations information
 - b. **Exemption 2:** internal agency rules and practices
 - c. **Exemption 3:** information that is prohibited from disclosure by another federal law
 - d. **Exemption 4:** trade secrets and other confidential business information
 - e. **Exemption 5:** inter-agency or intra-agency communications that are protected by legal privileges
 - f. **Exemption 6:** information involving matters of personal privacy
 - g. **Exemption 7:** records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, to the extent that the production of those records
 - (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings,
 - (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication,
 - (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy,
 - (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source,

- (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or
- (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual
- h. **Exemption 8:** information relating to the supervision of financial institutions
- i. Exemption 9: geological information on wells

IV. EXEMPTION 3 STATUTES

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Number of Times Relied upon per Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency
41 U.S.C. 253b(m)	Any proposal submitted by a contractor in response to the requirements of a solicitation of a competitive proposal, if such proposal is not set forth or incorporated by reference in the ensuing contract.		7	

V. FOIA Requests

A. Received, Processed, and Pending FOIA Requests

	Number of Requests Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Requests Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
OS				
ACF				
AOA				
CMS	10,312	46,586	51,665	5,233
OIG				
OPHS/PSC				
AHRQ				
CDC				
FDA				
HRSA				
IHS				
NIH				
SAMHSA				
HHS Total				

B. (1) Disposition of all FOIA Requests – All Processed Requests

		Numb er of		Number	r of Full Dei	nials Based (on Reaso	ns Other th	an Exempt	tions			
	Numb er of Full Grant s	Partia I Grant s/ Partia I Denial s	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	No Recor ds	All Records Referred to another Compon ent or Agency	Request Withdra wn	Fee- Relat ed Reaso n	Records not Reasona bly Describe d	Improp er FOIA Reques t for Other Reason	Not Agen cy Recor d	Duplica te Reques t	Other "Expla in in chart below"	Tota l
os													
ACF													
AOA													
CMS	24,742	731	6,661	4,899	51	371	1,176	111	961	50	260	11,652	51,6 65
OIG													
OPHS/P SC													
AHRQ													
CDC													
FDA													
HRSA													
IHS													
NIH													
SAMHS A													

		Numb		Numbe	r of Full De	nials Based	on Reaso	ons Other th	an Exemp	tions			
	Numb er of Full Grant s	er of Partia I Grant s/ Partia I Denial s	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	No Recor ds	All Records Referred to another Compon ent or Agency	Request Withdra wn	Fee- Relat ed Reaso n	Records not Reasona bly Describe d	Improp er FOIA Reques t for Other Reason	Not Agen cy Recor d	Duplica te Reques t	Other "Expla in in chart below"	Tota l
HHS Total													

B. (2) Disposition of FOIA Requests – Other Reasons for "Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions" from Section $V, B \ (1)$

	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B (1) & Number of Times Those Reasons Were	
Component	Relied upon	TOTAL
OS		
ACF		
AOA		
CMS	Administrative closures based on response / non-response to continued interest calls and correspondence.	11,652
OIG		
OPHS/PSC		
AHRQ		
CDC		
FDA		
HRSA		
IHS		
NIH		
SAMHSA		
HHS Total		

B. (3) Disposition of FOIA Requests - Number of times exemptions applied

	Ex. 1	Ex.2	Ex.3	Ex.4	Ex.5	Ex.6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)	Ex. 7(D)	Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex.	Ex. 9
OS	0												0	0
ACF	0												0	0
AOA	0												0	0
CMS	0	64	7	33	84	7,613	5	0	123	7	2	2	0	0
OIG	0												0	0
OPHS/PSC	0												0	0
AHRQ	0												0	0
CDC	0												0	0
FDA	0												0	0
HRSA	0												0	0
IHS	0												0	0
NIH	0												0	0
SAMHSA	0												0	0
HHS Total	0												0	0

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS

A. Received, Processed, and Pending Administrative Appeals

	Number of Appeals Pending as of Start of Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Received in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Processed in Fiscal Year	Number of Appeals Pending as of End of Fiscal Year
OS				
CMS	150	26	145	31
HHS Total				

B. Disposition of Administrative Appeals – All Processed Appeals

	Number Affirmed on Appeal	Number Partially Affirmed & Partially Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number Completely Reversed/Remanded on Appeal	Number of Appeals Closed for Other Reasons	TOTAL
OS					
CMS	0	0	18	127	145
HHS Total					

C. (1) Reasons for denial on Appeal – Number of Times Exemptions applied

	Ex.	Ex. 2	Ex. 3	Ex. 4	Ex. 5	Ex. 6	Ex. 7(A)	Ex. 7(B)	Ex. 7(C)		Ex. 7(E)	Ex. 7(F)	Ex. 8	Ex. 9
OS														
CMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HHS Total														

C. (2) Reasons for denial on Appeal – Reasons other than exemptions

	No Records	Records Referred at Initial Request Level	Request Withdrawn	Fee- Related Reason	Records Not Reasonably Described	Improper Request For Other Reasons	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request Or Appeal	Request In Litigation	Appeal Based Solely on Denial of Request For Expedited Processing	Other Explain in Chart Below
OS											
CMS	0	1	63	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	60
HHS Total											

C. (3) Reasons for denial on Appeal – Other:

	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denial on Appeal from Chart C (2) & Number of Times Those Reasons Were Relied upon	TOTAL
OS		
CMS	Administrative closure	60
HHS Total		

C. (4) Response time for administrative appeals (See chart)

	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
OS				
CMS	1,365	1,420	9	4,008
HHS Overall				

C. (5) Ten Oldest Pending Appeals (See Chart)

		10 th Oldest Appeal	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	Oldest Appeal
OS	Date of Receipt of Ten Oldest Appeals										
	Number of Days Pending										
CMS	Date of Receipt of Ten Oldest Appeals	08/17/09	08/13/09	08/12/09	08/10/09	07/23/09	06/17/09	03/05/09	09/18/08	11/14/05	10/31/03
	Number of Days Pending	283	285	286	288	300	325	398	511	1,226	1,736
HHS Overall	Date of Receipt of Ten Oldest Appeals										
	Number of Days Pending										

VII. FOIA REQUESTS: RESPONSE TIME FOR PROCESSED AND PENDING REQUESTS

A. Processed Requests – Response Time for Perfected Requests in Which Information Was $\mathbf{Granted}^1$

	Simple				Complex				Expedite	d Processir	ng	
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
\mathbf{OS}^2												
ACF												
AOA												
CMS	27	37	1	1,262	308	364	1	3,926	145	169	3	416
OIG												
OPHS/PSC												
AHRQ												
CDC												
FDA												
HRSA ³												
IHS												
NIH ⁴												
SAMHSA												
HHS Overall												

Some numbers based on estimates.
 Uses single-track log.
 Uses single-track log.
 Uses single-track log.

$\textbf{B. Processed Requests} - \textbf{Response Time for Perfected Requests in Which Information Was Granted}^{5}$

	Simple				Complex	ζ.			Expedite	ed Process	ing	
	Media n Numbe r of Days	Averag e Numbe r of Days	Lowest Numbe r of Days	Highes t Numbe r of Days	Media n Numbe r of Days	Averag e Numbe r of Days	Lowest Numbe r of Days	Highes t Numbe r of Days	Media n Numbe r of Days	Averag e Numbe r of Days	Lowest Numbe r of Days	Highes t Numbe r of Days
\mathbf{OS}^6												
ACF												
AOA												
CMS	24	33	1	1,262	92	178	1	3,104	62	106	3	334
OIG												
OPHS/PS C												
AHRQ												
CDC												
FDA												
HRSA ⁷												
IHS												
NIH ⁸												
SAMHSA												

Some numbers based on estimates.
 Uses single-track log.
 Uses single-track log.
 Uses single-track log.

	Simple				Complex	ζ			Expedite	ed Process	ing	
	Media	Averag		Highes	Media	Averag		Highes	Media	Averag		Highes
	n Numbe r of Days	e Numbe r of Days	Lowest Numbe r of Days	t Numbe r of Days	n Numbe r of Days	e Numbe r of Days	Lowest Numbe r of Days	t Numbe r of Days	n Numbe r of Days	e Numbe r of Days	Lowest Numbe r of Days	t Numbe r of Days
HHS Overall												

C. Processed Requests – Response Time in Day Increments

1. Simple Requests

	1–20 Days	21-40 Days	41– 60 Days	61– 80 Days	81- 100 Days	101- 120 Days	121- 140 Days	141- 160 Days	161- 180 Days	181- 200 Days	201- 300 Days	301- 400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
OS ⁹														
ACF														
AOA														
CMS	28,679	3,087	1,538	1,053	937	714	568	492	377	283	1,256	440	118	39,542
OIG														
OPHS/PSC														
AHRQ														
CDC														
FDA														
HRSA ¹⁰														
IHS														
NIH ¹¹														
SAMHSA														
HHS Overall														

Uses single-track log.
 Uses single-track log.
 Uses single-track log.

2. Complex Requests

	1–20 Days	21-40 Days	41– 60 Days	61– 80 Days	81- 100 Days	101- 120 Days	121- 140 Days	141- 160 Days	161- 180 Days	181- 200 Days	201- 300 Days	301- 400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
OS														
ACF														
AOA														
CMS	3,224	967	427	370	435	359	433	247	230	184	779	465	4,003	12,123
OIG														
OPHS/PSC														
AHRQ														
CDC														
FDA														
HRSA														
IHS														
NIH														
SAMHSA														
HHS Total														

3. Requests Granted Expedited Processing

	1–20 Days	21-40 Days	41–60 Days	61–80 Days	81- 100 Days	101- 120 Days	121- 140 Days	141- 160 Days	161- 180 Days	181- 200 Days	201- 300 Days	301- 400 Days	401+ Days	TOTAL
OS														
ACF														
AOA														
CMS	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	10
OIG														
OPHS/PSC														
AHRQ														
CDC														
FDA														
HRSA														
IHS														
NIH														
SAMHSA														
HHS Total														

D. Pending Requests – All Pending Perfected Requests¹²

	Simple			Complex			Expedited 1	Processing	
	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Number Pending	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days
OS ¹³									
ACF									
AOA									
CMS	2,981	36	57	2,252	292	245	18	208	187
OIG									
OPHS/PSC									
AHRQ									
CDC									
FDA									
HRSA ¹⁴									
IHS									
NIH ¹⁵									
SAMHSA									
HHS Total									

Some numbers based on estimates.
 Uses single-track log.
 Uses single-track log.
 Uses single-track log.

E. Pending Requests – Ten Oldest Pending Perfected Requests

	10 th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3^{rd}	2 nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
OS										
ACF										
AOA										
CMS	11/24/04	11/18/04	11/18/04	10/15/04	09/17/04	08/10/04	06/30/04	12/09/03	05/21/02	01/19/01
	1,469	1,473	1,473	1,496	1,515	1,542	1,566	1,711	2,100	2,436
OIG										
OPHS/PSC										
AHRQ										
CDC										
FDA										
HRSA										
IHS										
NIH										
SAMHSA										
HHS Total										

VIII. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING AND REQUESTS FOR FEE WAIVER

A. Requests for Expedited Processing

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
OS					
ACF					
AOA					
CMS	14	4	1	56	11
OIG					
OPHS/PSC					
AHRQ					
CDC					
FDA					
HRSA					
IHS					
NIH					
SAMHSA					
HHS Total					

B. Requests for Fee Waiver

	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
OS				
ACF				
AOA				
CMS	2	1	1	5
OIG				
OPHS/PSC				
AHRQ				
CDC				
FDA				
HRSA				
IHS				
NIH				
SAMHSA				
HHS Total				

IX. FOIA PERSONNEL AND COSTS

	Personnel			Costs		
	Number of "Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Number of "Equivalent Full-Time FOIA Employees"	Total Number of Full- Time FOIA Staff	Processing Costs	Litigation- Related Costs	Total Costs
OS						
ACF						
AOA						
CMS	20	54.01	74.01	\$4,594,802	\$57,470	\$4,652,272
OIG						
OPHS/PSC						
AHRQ						
CDC						
FDA						
HRSA						
IHS						
NIH						
SAMHSA						
HHS Total						

X. FEES COLLECTED FOR PROCESSING REQUESTS

	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs
OS		
ACF ¹⁶		
AOA		
CMS	\$412,180.03	8.97%
OIG		
OPHS/PSC		
AHRQ		
CDC		
FDA		
HRSA		
IHS		
NIH		
SAMHSA		
HHS Total		

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 $^{^{\}rm 16}$ The ACF has temporarily suspended fee collections.

XI. FOIA REGULATIONS http://www.hhs.gov/foia/45cfr5.html

XII. BACKLOGS, CONSULTATIONS, AND COMPARISONS

A. Backlogs of FOIA Requests and Administrative Appeals

	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
OS		
ACF		
AOA		
CMS	3,486	31
OIG		
OPHS/PSC		
AHRQ		
CDC		
FDA		
HRSA		
IHS		
NIH		
SAMHSA		
HHS Total		

B. Consultations on FOIA Requests – Received, Processed, and Pending Consultations

	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Pending at Your Agency as of Start of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Processed by Your Agency During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that Were Pending at Your Agency as of End of the Fiscal Year
OS				
ACF				
AOA				
CMS	0	0	0	0
OIG				
OPHS/PSC				
AHRQ				
CDC				
FDA				
HRSA				
IHS				
NIH				
SAMHSA				
HHS Total				

C. Consultations on FOIA Requests – Ten Oldest Consultations Received from Other Agencies and Pending at Your Agency

	10 th Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending	9 th	8 th	7 th	6 th	5 th	4 th	3 rd	2 nd	Oldest Request and Number of Days Pending
OS										
ACF										
OAO										
CMS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OIG										
OPHS/PSC										
AHRQ										
CDC										
FDA										
HRSA										
IHS										
NIH										
SAMHSA										
HHS Total										

D. Comparison of Numbers of Requests from Previous and Current Annual Report – Requests Received, Processed, and Backlogged

(1) Requests Received and Processed

	Number of Rec Received	quests	Number of Requests Processed			
	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Received During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	Number Processed During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report		
OS						
ACF						
AOA						
CMS	32,541	46,586	32,706	51,665		
OIG						
OPHS/PSC						
AHRQ						
CDC						
FDA						
HRSA						
IHS						
NIH						
SAMHSA						
HHS Total						

(2) Requests Backlogged

	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
OS		
ACF		
AOA		
CMS	10,312	3,486
OIG		
OPHS/PSC		
AHRQ		
CDC		
FDA		
HRSA		
IHS		
NIH		
SAMHSA		
HHS Total		

E. Comparison of Numbers of Administrative Appeals from Previous and Current Annual Report – Appeals Received, Processed, and Backlogged

(1) Appeals Received, Processed

	Number of Appea	als Received	Number of Appeals Processed			
	Number	Number	Number	Number		
	Received	Received	Processed	Processed		
	During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report	During Fiscal Year from Last Year's Annual Report	During Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report		
OS						
CMS	7	26	4	145		
HHS Total						

(2) Appeals Backlogged

	Number of Backlogged Administrative Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Administrative Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report		
OS				
CMS	150	31		
HHS Total				