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Coalition Government Priorities

“The Government believes that we need to throw open the doors of public bodies, to enable the public to hold politicians and public bodies to account.”

“We will create a new ‘right to data’ so that government-held datasets can be requested and used by the public, and then published on a regular basis.”

“We will extend the scope of the Freedom of Information Act to provide greater transparency.”



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Transparency Agenda



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THE PRIME MINISTER

**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS**

TRANSPARENCY

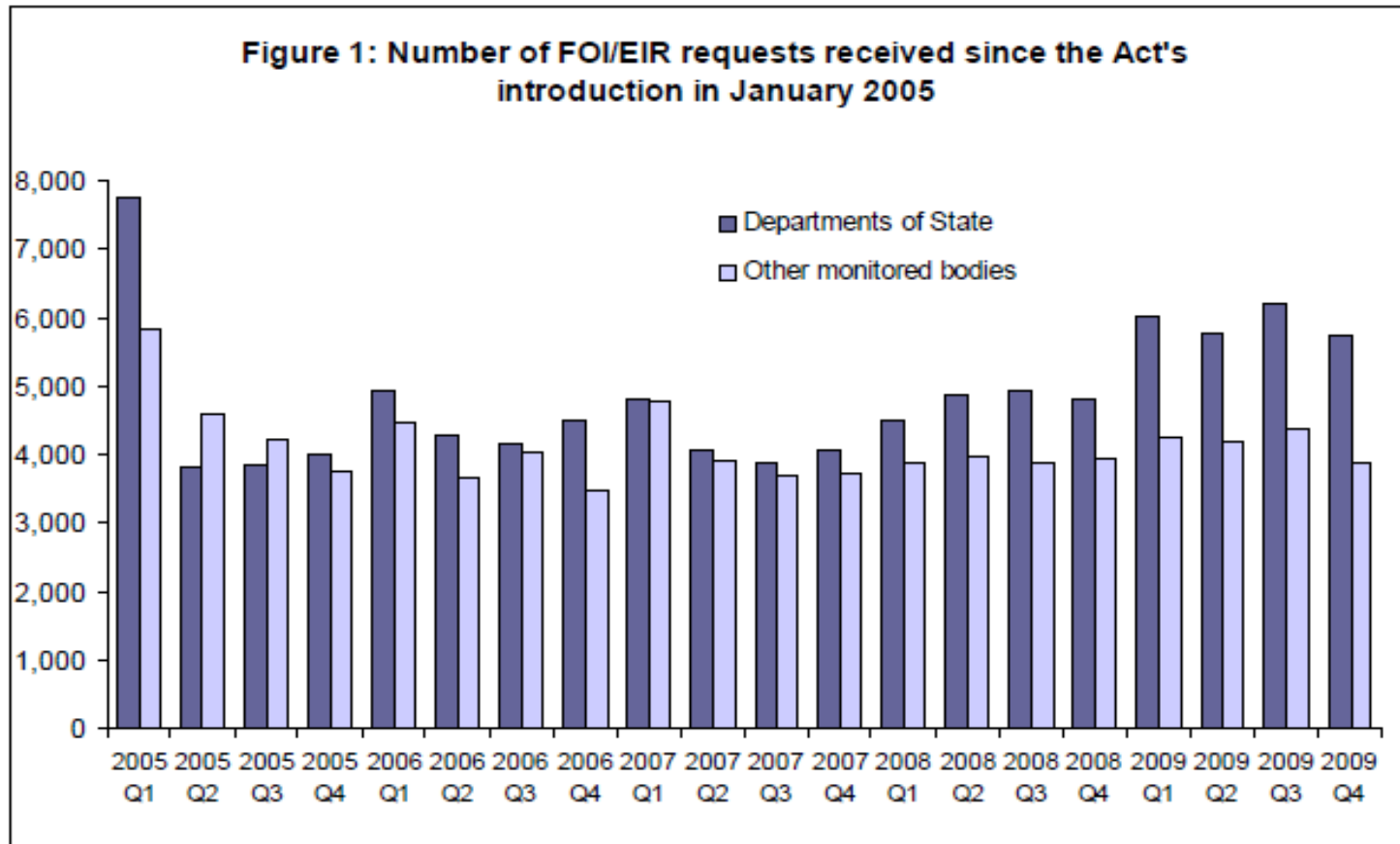
Greater transparency across Government is at the heart of our shared commitment to enable the public to hold politicians and public bodies to account; to reduce the deficit and deliver better value for money in public spending; and to realise significant economic benefits by enabling businesses and non-profit organisations to build innovative applications and websites using public data.



- Extension of the FOI Act to academies
 - Academies Act
- “Converting” academies from September 2010
 - Existing academies from January 2011



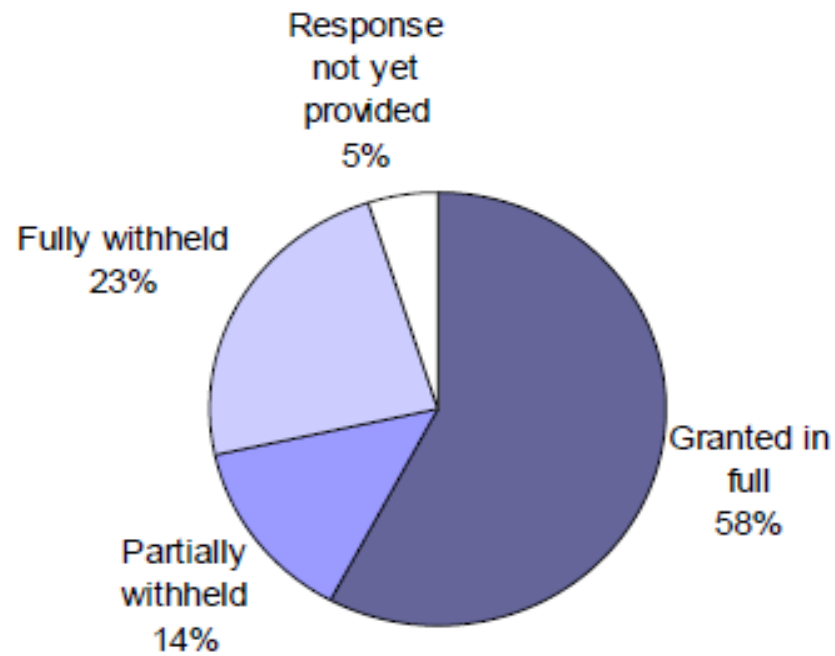
FOI requests for Central Government





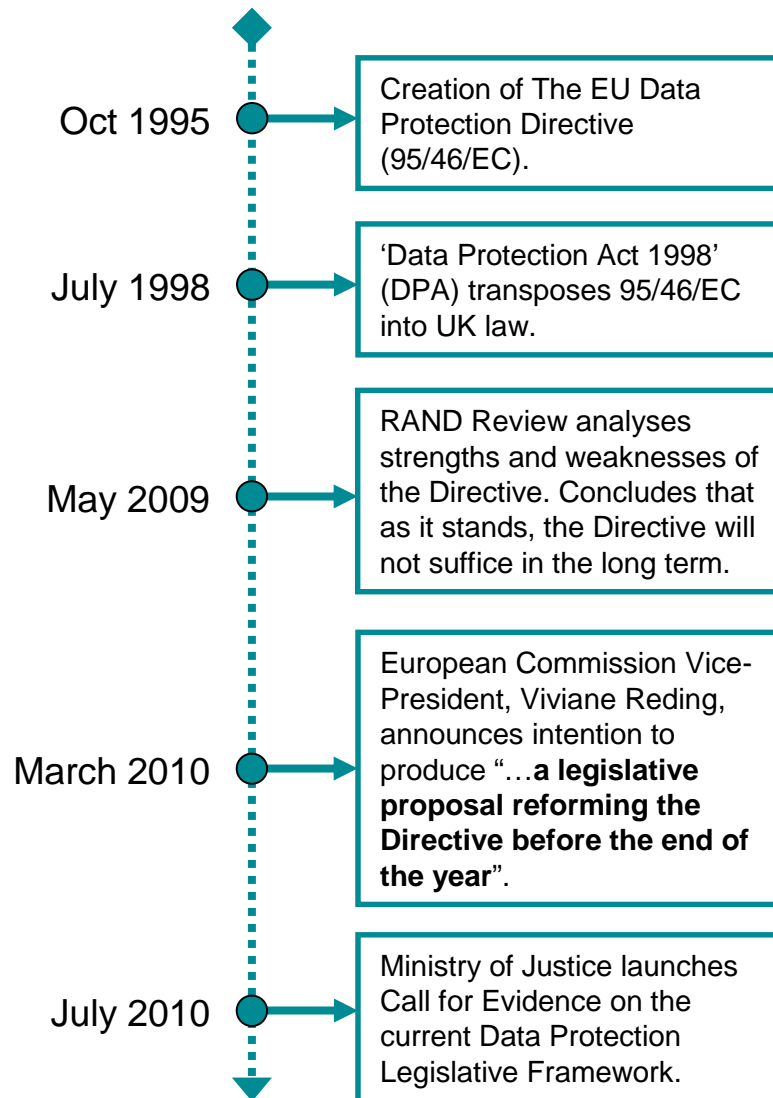
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Figure 2: Outcomes of resolvable requests received by monitored bodies during 2009





- Considering a range of options to meet Coalition Agreement
 - Extension of the FOI Act to additional bodies
- Appropriate protection for genuinely sensitive information
 - Impact of FOI developments
- Announcement to be made in due course



Background

**Advances in
Technology**

**Changes in
the European
Landscape**

Globalisation



Why does the Government support a review of the Directive?

Post
Implementation
Review

Balance

Clarity over
the
application of
key principles

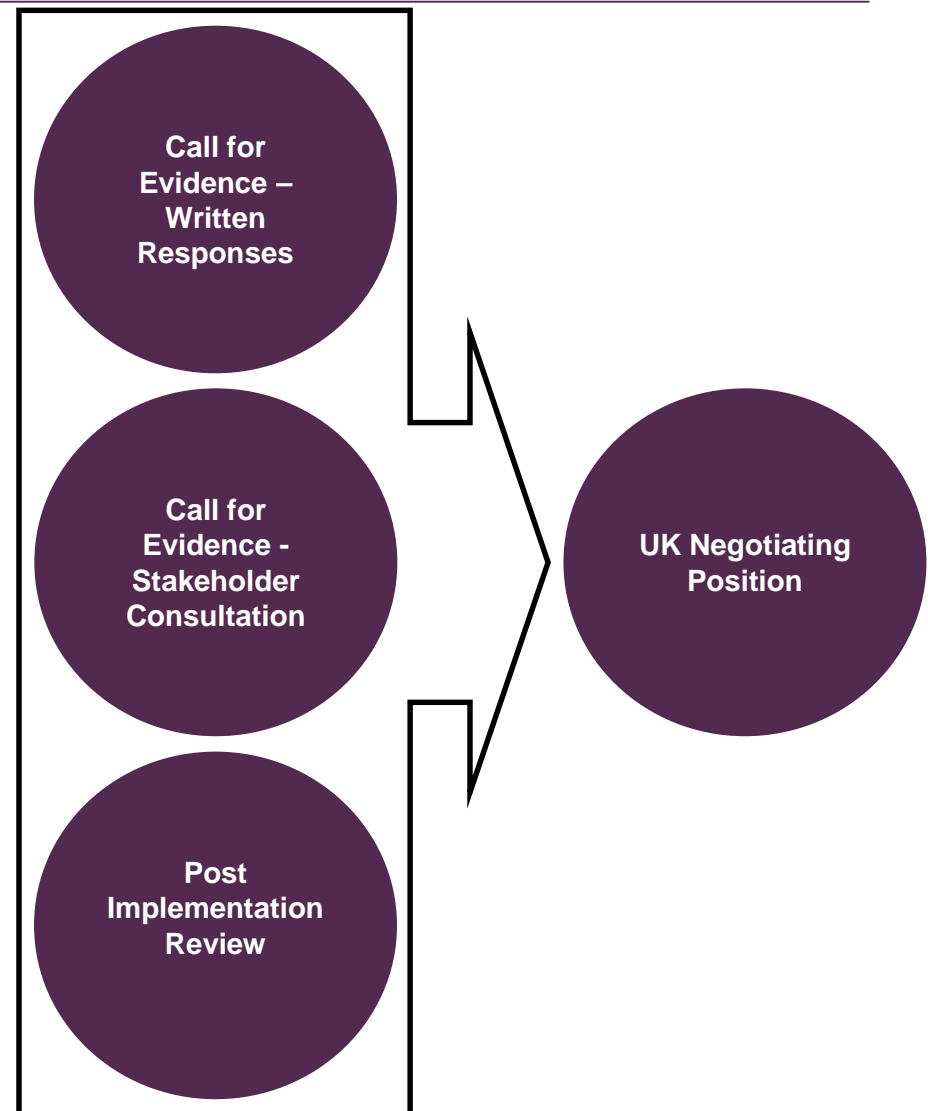


The Ministry of Justice's Role

- ❑ *Which areas of the act work well?*
- ❑ *How does the Act apply in 'the real world'?*
- ❑ *What parts could be improved?*

- ❑ *Series of focused workshops with stakeholders from the public and private sectors.*
- ❑ *Opportunity for Data Controllers and Data Subjects' Rights Representatives to voice concerns.*

- ❑ *What are the costs and benefits of the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA)?*
- ❑ *Is the Act working as intended?*
- ❑ *Has the Act had any additional unforeseen impacts?*





Call for Evidence: Early Indications

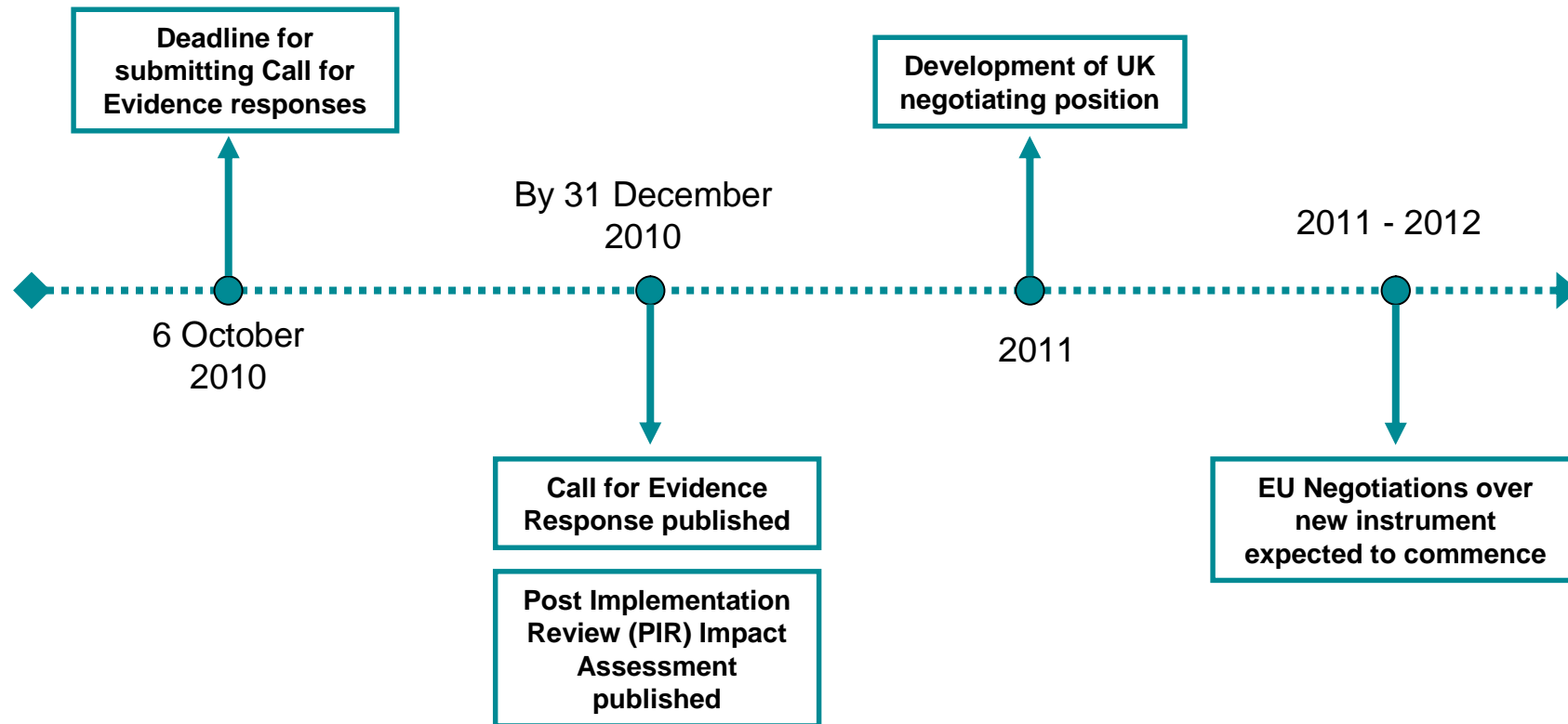
**Data
Subjects'
Rights**

**Obligations
of Data
Controllers**

**International
Transfers**

**Powers &
Penalties of
the ICO**

Next Steps





Questions?

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