

## East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/342(488496)

***Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 I would like to request the following:***

***-The number of Freedom of Information requests which have been rejected/that the council has not answered in the last three year. Can you please break this down by year, and reason.***

2015 159 of 1,220 information requests  
2016 198 of 1,303 information requests  
2017 214 of 1,427 information requests

The above figures relate to information requests which have been refused in their entirety on one or more the following grounds:

- The information is not held or recorded
- The information is exempt from release
- There would be an excessive cost of compliance

***-How many of these have then been answered following an appeal?***

	Partially Answered	Original Decision Overturned and request answered	Original Decision Upheld
2015	6		5
2016	1	2	10
2017	1	3	4

***-How many of these resulted in a complaint to the information commissioner? Please give details of the conclusion.***

2015 Nil  
2016 Nil  
2017 Four cases were referred to the Scottish Information Commissioner. Additional information was provided for three cases and the applicants subsequently withdrew their application to the Commissioner. One case remains ongoing.