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I. BASIC INFORMATION REGARDING REPORT

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3. To obtain a copy of this report in paper form, contact the person identified in #1 above.

II. MAKING A FOIA REQUEST

1. FOIA requests may be submitted using one of the forms of submission listed on the Department's website: <https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/required-notices/freedom-of-information-act-foia>
2. Complete information on how to make a FOIA request or Privacy Act request is available from the Department FOIA website: <https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview/required-notices/freedom-of-information-act-foia/how-make-freedom-of-information-act-foia-request-or-appeal>.
3. Responsive records are released in their entirety unless release is precluded on the basis of nine statutory exemptions, as specified in the FOIA. In general, as a regulatory agency, some investigative records or portions of records are not released. In addition, if records are part of an ongoing investigation or involved with litigation, they may not be released or are only partially released. Personally identifiable information is also not released to anyone except the individual to whom it applies. Certain information contained in grants and contracts is withheld, such as non-federal funding amounts and sources, business proposals, and technical information unique to the submitter that falls within protected business information.

III. DEFINITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

1. Agency-Specific Terms Used

- a. **The Department** – Congress established the U.S. Department of Education (DoED) on May 4, 1980, in the Department of Education Organization Act (Public Law 96-88 of October 1979). Under this law, ED's mission is to: Strengthen the Federal commitment to assuring access to equal educational opportunity for every individual; Supplement and complement the efforts of states, the local school systems and other instrumentalities of the states, the private sector, public and private nonprofit educational research institutions, community- based organizations, parents, and students to improve the quality of education; Encourage the increased involvement of the public, parents, and students in Federal education programs; Promote improvements in the quality and usefulness of education through Federally supported research, evaluation, and sharing of information; Improve the coordination of Federal education programs; Improve the management of Federal education activities; and, Increase the accountability of Federal education programs to the President, the Congress, and the public.
- b. **Calendar Day** – Every day shown on a calendar. A 24-hour period beginning at 12:01 a.m. and ending at 12:00 p.m. midnight.
- c. **Fees** – an agency will charge processing fees based on how the documents will be used and not on the category of the FOIA requester. All fees allowed will be charged to the first requester, when there are multiple requesters for the same documents, and, unless waived, all subsequent requesters will be charged duplication and special services fees only. If a fee is not allowed by statute or regulation to be charged to the first requester, the fee cannot be passed on to the next subsequent requester.
- d. **First-In-First-Out (FIFO) Processing Policy** – an agency will process requests in the order in which requests are received consistent with a multi-track processing system and reasonable allocation of processing resources available for each track and the FOIA program of the agency.
- e. **FOIA/PA Request** – a FOIA request is generally a request or access to records concerning a third party, an organization, or a particular topic of interest. A Privacy Act request is a request for records concerning oneself; such requests are also treated as FOIA requests. All requests for access to records, regardless of which law is cited by the requester, are included in this report.
- f. **Glomar Response** – a Glomar response neither confirms nor denies the existence or non-existence of responsive records to a request in order to protect law enforcement, privacy, or other appropriate interests.
- g. **Initial Denial Authority** – agency official who is delegated the authority to make release determinations of documents and information contained in documents requested under the FOIA on behalf of the agency.
- h. **Initial Request** – a request to a federal agency for access to records under the Freedom of Information Act.

- i. **Perjury Statement** – a signed (notarization is not required) statement executed under the penalty of law, usually associated with a request for the personal records of the requester, attesting that they are the individual who they say they are.
- j. **Proper Request** – a request that fits the definition of a FOIA request: reasonably describes the agency records being sought and cites a willingness to pay assessable fees or justifies the granting of a fee waiver. Proper requests do not use federal government resources in making the request – federal government requests for agency documents for official purposes are not FOIA requests.
- k. **Reasonably Described** – a request is reasonably described if it enables a professional agency employee familiar with the subject area to locate the record with a reasonable amount of effort. An appeal is reasonably described if it adequately describes the action taken by the agency regarding the request and the basis on why the action is not in compliance with the statute or agency regulation.
- l. **Referral** – transferring a FOIA request and/or document(s) that are under another agency’s purview to another entity for processing. This also includes redirecting a requester to the appropriate agency instead of referring the request.
- m. **Release** – an agency decision to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request. This sometimes is referred to as a “grant.”
- n. **Remanded** – a request that is returned to the initial denial authority for reconsideration of their release determination and further processing.
- o. **Request Disposition** – an agency determination to take one of four actions on requests for records:
 - i. Responsive records are released in full.
 - ii. Responsive records are released in part because some of the information in the requested records is determined by the agency to be exempt under one or more of the FOIA’s exemptions.
 - iii. Responsive records are denied in full because all of the information in the requested records is determined by the agency to be exempt under one or more of the FOIA exemptions.
 - iv. Determined by the agency not to process for other procedural reasons:
 - (1) **No Records** – after a thorough search of agency records, no records were found to be responsive to the FOIA request or within the scope of the FOIA request.
 - (2) **Duplicate Request** – the request is a duplicate of a previously submitted request by the same requester or organization represented by the requester.
 - (3) **Fee Related** – request is not processed because there were fee issues. For example, the requester was not willing to pay assessable FOIA processing fees or the requester had delinquent fees from previous FOIA requests.

- (4) **Request Withdrawn** – requester withdraws their request.
 - (5) **Not Reasonably Described** – sufficient information has not been provided for a professional agency employee familiar with the subject area to locate the record with a reasonable amount of effort.
 - (6) **Not a Proper Request** – the requester is asking questions posing as a FOIA request or a response would require the agency to create a record.
 - (7) **Not an Agency Record** – documents requested in a FOIA request that are not maintained, or possibly originated, by the Department or its components.
 - (8) **Referred to an Appropriate Agency** – request for records that are not held by a Department agency and are more likely the documents of some other federal agency other than the Department.
- p. **Working Days** – days except Saturdays, Sundays, and federally recognized public holidays.

2. Basic Terms Used in This Report and in FOIA Training

- 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 FOIA 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 other 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 that require the agency to use 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 determination to disclose all records in full in response to a FOIA request.
- i. **Full Denial** – an agency determination not to release any records in response to a FOIA request because the records are exempt in their entirety 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** – 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. The tracks are:
 - i. **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;
 - ii. **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 records requested; and
 - iii. **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 records requested.
- l. **Partial Grant/Partial Denial** – in response to a FOIA request, an agency determination 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 that 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** – action on the request or the appeal in all respects has been completed.
- 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. 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; and
- i. **Exemption 9:** geological information on wells.

4. Agency Component Abbreviations

Component Abbreviation	Component Name
DoED	Department of Education

IV. Exemption 3 Statutes

Statute	Type of Information Withheld	Case Citation	Agency / Component	Number of Times Relied upon by Agency / Component	Total Number of Times Relied upon by Agency Overall
41 U.S.C. § 4702 (formerly at 41 U.S.C. § 253b(m)(1))	Contractor proposals that are in the possession or control of an executive agency and that have not been set forth or incorporated by reference into contracts.	Lenahan v. HHS, No. 23-06041, 2025 WL 1159878, at *3 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 21, 2025); Sinkfield v. HUD, No. 10-885, 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35233, at *13-15 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 15, 2012); Margolin v. NASA, No. 09-00421, 2011 WL 1303221, at *6 (D. Nev. Mar. 31, 2011); Hornbostel v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, 305 F. Supp. 2d 21, 30 (D.D.C. 2003), summary affirmance granted, No. 03-5257, 2004 WL 1900562 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 25, 2004).	DoED	3	3
41 U.S.C. § 2102 (amending 41 U.S.C. § 423 (a)(1))	Contractor bid or proposal information; source selection information	Legal & Safety Employer Research, Inc. v. U.S. Dep't of the Army, No. Civ. S001748, 2001 WL 34098652, at *3-4 (E.D. Cal. May 4, 2001) (dictum).	DoED	3	3

V. FOIA Requests

V.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED AND PENDING FOIA REQUESTS

Agency / Component	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
DoED	3603	5266	3916	4953
AGENCY OVERALL	3603	5266	3916	4953

V.B.(1) DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- ALL PROCESSED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	Number of Full Grants	Number of Partial Grants / Partial Denials	Number of Full Denials Based on Exemptions	Number of Full Denials Based on Reasons Other than Exemptions									TOTAL
				No Records	All Records Referred to Another Component or Agency	Request Withdrawn	Fee-Related Reason	Records not Reasonably Described	Improper FOIA Request for Other Reason	Not Agency Record	Duplicate Request	Other *Explain in Chart Below	
DoED	251	773	56	608	1	1508	12	125	277	0	304	1	3916
AGENCY OVERALL	251	773	56	608	1	1508	12	125	277	0	304	1	3916

V.B.(2) DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- "OTHER" REASONS FOR "FULL DENIALS BASED ON REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS"

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denials from Chart B(1)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
DoED	Litigation	1	1
AGENCY OVERALL			1

V.B.(3) DISPOSITION OF FOIA REQUESTS -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Agency / Component	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. 8	Ex. 9
DoED	0	0	5	63	137	799	338	2	570	4	3	3	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0	0	5	63	137	799	338	2	570	4	3	3	0	0

VI. Administrative Appeals of Initial Determinations of FOIA Requests

VI.A. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF INITIAL DETERMINATIONS OF FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	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
DoED	26	39	35	30
AGENCY OVERALL	26	39	35	30

VI.B. DISPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS -- ALL PROCESSED APPEALS

Agency / Component	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
DoED	15	2	6	12	35
AGENCY OVERALL	15	2	6	12	35

VI.C.(1) REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- NUMBER OF TIMES EXEMPTIONS APPLIED

Agency / Component	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. 8	Ex. 9
DoED	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

VI.C.(2) REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- REASONS OTHER THAN EXEMPTIONS

Agency / Component	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
DoED	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5
AGENCY OVERALL	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5

VI.C.(3) REASONS FOR DENIAL ON APPEAL -- "OTHER" REASONS

Agency / Component	Description of "Other" Reasons for Denial on Appeal from Chart C(2)	Number of Times "Other" Reason Was Relied Upon	TOTAL
DoED	Moot	5	5

AGENCY OVERALL			5
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VI.C.(4) RESPONSE TIME FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Lowest Number of Days	Highest Number of Days
DoED	20	232.49	<1	836
AGENCY OVERALL	20	232.49	<1	836

VI.C.(5) TEN OLDEST PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Appeal	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Appeal
DoED	Date of Appeal	2024-11-13	2024-09-27	2024-09-25	2024-09-03	2024-09-03	2024-08-21	2024-06-04	2024-03-12	2023-12-18	2023-08-28
	Number of Days Pending	218	249	251	267	267	275	329	388	445	521
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Appeal	2024-11-13	2024-09-27	2024-09-25	2024-09-03	2024-09-03	2024-08-21	2024-06-04	2024-03-12	2023-12-18	2023-08-28
	Number of Days Pending	218	249	251	267	267	275	329	388	445	521

VII. FOIA Requests: Response Time for Processed and Pending Requests

VII.A. FOIA REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR ALL PROCESSED PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Low est Number of Days	High est Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Low est Number of Days	High est Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Low est Number of Days	High est Number of Days
DoED	17	171.52	0	1718	31	128.71	0	1932	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	17	171.52	0	1718	31	128.71	0	1932	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

VII.B. PROCESSED REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME FOR PERFECTED REQUESTS IN WHICH INFORMATION WAS GRANTED

Agency / Component	SIMPLE				COMPLEX				EXPEDITED PROCESSING			
	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Low est Number of Days	High est Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Low est Number of Days	High est Number of Days	Median Number of Days	Average Number of Days	Low est Number of Days	High est Number of Days
DoED	16	114.08	<1	1718	88.5	234.05	<1	1932	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
AGENCY OVERALL	16	114.08	<1	1718	88.5	234.05	<1	1932	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

VII.C. PROCESSED SIMPLE REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<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
DoED	161	19	9	2	2	4	3	4	5	4	20	8	58	299
AGENCY OVERALL	161	19	9	2	2	4	3	4	5	4	20	8	58	299

VII.C. PROCESSED COMPLEX REQUESTS -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<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
DoED	1484	203	431	99	223	109	50	25	58	69	94	60	309	3214
AGENCY OVERALL	1484	203	431	99	223	109	50	25	58	69	94	60	309	3214

VII.C. PROCESSED REQUESTS GRANTED EXPEDITED PROCESSING -- RESPONSE TIME IN DAY INCREMENTS

Agency / Component	<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
DoED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VII.D. PENDING REQUESTS -- ALL PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	SIMPLE			COMPLEX			EXPEDITED 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
DoED	240	674.5	692.6	4666	244	289.74	8	120.5	202.38
AGENCY OVERALL	240	674.5	692.6	4666	244	289.74	8	120.5	202.38

VII.E. PENDING REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST PENDING PERFECTED REQUESTS

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Request	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Request
DoED	Date of Receipt	2019-03-14	2019-02-11	2018-12-21	2018-12-04	2018-10-29	2018-07-18	2018-06-29	2018-06-28	2018-05-02	2018-04-21

	Number of Days Pending	1639	1661	1694	1707	1731	1802	1813	1814	1855	1862
AGENCY OVERALL	Date of Receipt	2019-03-14	2019-02-11	2018-12-21	2018-12-04	2018-10-29	2018-07-18	2018-06-29	2018-06-28	2018-05-02	2018-04-21
	Number of Days Pending	1639	1661	1694	1707	1731	1802	1813	1814	1855	1862

VIII. Requests for Expedited Processing and Requests for Fee Waivers

VIII.A. REQUESTS FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate	Number Adjudicated Within Ten Calendar Days
DoED	8	367	<1	12.53	351
AGENCY OVERALL	8	367	<1	12.53	351

VIII.B. Requests for Fee Waiver

Agency / Component	Number Granted	Number Denied	Median Number of Days to Adjudicate	Average Number of Days to Adjudicate
DoED	998	387	1	18.06
AGENCY OVERALL	998	387	1	18.06

IX. FOIA Personnel and Costs

Agency / Component	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
DoED	30	20.61	50.61	7034676.70	657372.01	7692048.71
AGENCY OVERALL	30	20.61	50.61	7034676.70	657372.01	7692048.71

X. Fees Collected for Processing Requests

Agency / Component	Total Amount of Fees Collected	Percentage of Total Costs
DoED	113.04	0.0000
AGENCY OVERALL	113.04	0.0000

XI. Number of Times Subsection (C) Used and Number of (A)(2) Postings

XI.A. Number of Times Subsection (C) Used

Agency / Component	Number of Times Subsection Used
DoED	0
AGENCY OVERALL	0

XI.B. Number of Subsection (A)(2) Postings

Agency / Component	Number of Records Posted by the FOIA Office	Number of Records Posted by Program Offices
DoED	8	3496
AGENCY OVERALL	8	3496

XII. Appeals, Consultations, and Comparisons

XII.A. Backlogs of FOIA Requests and Administrative Appeals

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Requests as of End of Fiscal Year	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of Fiscal Year
DoED	4570	29
AGENCY OVERALL	4570	29

XII.B. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- RECEIVED, PROCESSED, AND PENDING CONSULTATIONS

Agency / Component	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>Start</u> of the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations <u>Received</u> from Other Agencies During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Processed</u> by the Agency During the Fiscal Year	Number of Consultations Received from Other Agencies that were <u>Pending</u> at the Agency as of <u>End</u> of the Fiscal Year
AGENCY OVERALL	3	33	35	1

XII.C. CONSULTATIONS ON FOIA REQUESTS -- TEN OLDEST CONSULTATIONS RECEIVED FROM OTHER AGENCIES AND PENDING AT THE AGENCY

Agency / Component		10th Oldest Consultation	9th	8th	7th	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	Oldest Consultation
DoED	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2025-09-30
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
AGENCY OVERALL	Date	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2025-09-30
	Number of Days	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

XII.D.(1) COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- REQUESTS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>RECEIVED</u>		NUMBER OF REQUESTS <u>PROCESSED</u>	
	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
DoED	4560	5266	3119	3916
AGENCY OVERALL	4560	5266	3119	3916

XII.D.(2) COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF REQUESTS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED REQUESTS

Agency / Component	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

DoED	2485	4570
AGENCY OVERALL	2485	4570

XII.E.(1) COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- APPEALS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED

Agency / Component	NUMBER OF APPEALS RECEIVED		NUMBER OF APPEALS 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
DoED	47	39	57	35
AGENCY OVERALL	47	39	57	35

XII.E.(2) COMPARISON OF NUMBERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS FROM PREVIOUS AND CURRENT ANNUAL REPORT -- BACKLOGGED APPEALS

Agency / Component	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Previous Annual Report	Number of Backlogged Appeals as of End of the Fiscal Year from Current Annual Report
DoED	21	29
AGENCY OVERALL	21	29