

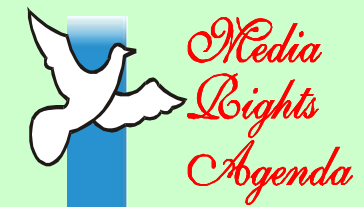
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Preface

How easy is it for members of the public to get information from public institutions – government ministries, departments and agencies - at Federal, State and Local Government levels - through the Nigerian Freedom of Information Act, passed in May 2011?

This report seeks to provide a glimpse into this question based on responses received from public institutions to requests for information and records in their custody made to them by different categories of individuals and institutions under a project to monitor their responsiveness.

Under the project, different types of individuals and institutions such as journalists, NGOs working in different sectors, students, business people, persons with disabilities, illiterate persons, unemployed persons, among others, submitted applications for information to a number of public institutions at the Federal, State and Local Government levels. This was to enable an assessment of whether people are actually able to obtain information, using the Act, and the general level of its effectiveness.

A total of 31 persons were trained under the project. However, 22 of them actually submitted applications to selected public institutions and they collectively submitted hundreds of applications for different types of information, covering various issues and topics covered by the Freedom of Information Act. Each of them submitted multiple applications to many different public institutions.

Applications were also submitted to request information which would ordinarily fall into the exempted categories of information under the Law to assess how the public institutions deal with those sorts of request.

Prior to the requesting phase of the project, all project personnel, including the applicants for information, underwent two days of training to familiarize them with the provisions and requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, the objectives of the exercise, the details of the methodology for the monitoring, the procedures to be followed in the exercise, among others, to ensure a common understanding of all aspects of the exercise.

The report bears out the reality that although the Freedom of Information Act became Law since May 28, 2011, the Federal Government has not done much to ensure compliance with its provisions by public institutions.

An almost palpable veil of secrecy which has shrouded agencies of government since the country's independence remains very much in place.

It is hoped that this report will also serve to point out directions that individuals and groups should take in their advocacy for its effective implementation in Nigeria. It is also hoped that civil society groups in countries which have recently passed access to information laws will also learn from this.

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CHAPTER 1

Introduction and Purpose of the Research

On May 28, 2011, President Goodluck Jonathan signed the FOI Bill passed by both chambers of the National Assembly into law, in fulfillment of his promise to sign it once the National Assembly passed it.

The signing of the FOI bill into law elicited euphoria among Nigerians, particularly civil society organisations soon waned followed by the unverified notion that the law was watered down. There were fears that there are too many challenges that will confront citizens who want to use the law to access government-held information and records.

These fears were largely unfounded as those who expressed these fear did not make any attempt to test the law. Of course, some of their fears arose from the culture of secrecy that has pervaded the nation's civil service for decades. People expressed these fears, both out of ignorance and scepticism, at the seeming mountain of challenges that face the effective implementation of the law.

These fears elicited a need to monitor how well the law is being implemented in terms of whether public officials are releasing information to members of the public or not; whether they are complying with their obligations under the law; and at what levels public officials are complying. There was also a need to put the law to test, identify what challenges are being faced by public institutions/information officers, citizens making FOI requests etc. That way, it will be easy to identify areas that need intervention and who should be responsible for providing the needed intervention.

Media Rights Agenda conducted activities to monitor and determine how easy it is for members of the public to get information from public institutions – government ministries, departments and agencies - at the Federal level and in Lagos State and some of its Local Governments through the instrumentality of the Freedom of Information Act.

During this monitoring exercise, different types of individuals and institutions such as journalists, NGOs working in different sectors, students, business people, persons living with disabilities, illiterate persons, unemployed persons, etc., were invited, trained and sent to submit applications for information/records to a number of public institutions at

the Federal level of government as well as in Lagos States and some local governments. Applications for information will be similarly submitted to private entities covered by the Act to assess how much they satisfy the requirements of the Law. The objective was to assess whether people are actually able to obtain information, using the FOI Act, and the general level of its effectiveness.

The trainees/requesters submitted a total of 196 requests for different types of information/records, covering various issues and topics covered by the Freedom of Information Act. Applicators also submitted request for information/records which ordinarily fall into the exempted categories to assess how the public institutions deal with those sorts of request.

All project personnel, including the proposed applicants for information/records went through a two-day training workshop to familiarize them with the provisions and requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, the objectives of the exercise, the details of the methodology for the monitoring, the procedures to be followed in the exercise, etc. to ensure a common understanding of all aspects of the exercise.

MRA interviewed some of the applicants who made requests for information, including those who successfully obtained the requested information and those who did not, to ascertain their experiences, including the time it took them to get the information or some response, how much they were charged, what notices they received, etc. In the case of non-literate persons or persons with disabilities, the interviews also sought to ascertain if they were assisted by officials of the public institutions as required by the Act.

The publication from the monitoring exercise is also meant to serve as a vital tool for all stakeholders: the government, civil society, citizens, and funders to identify areas of intervention.

Chapter 2

Methodology

I. Selection of Requesters, Trainings and Drafting of Requests

MRA engaged the services of various persons whom it trained for the exercise. The requesters engaged represented different sectors in Nigeria and included male and female, business persons, trade unionists, professionals, students, journalists from the print, broadcast and online mediums as well as from mediums owned by the government and those privately owned; civil society activist, youths, illiterate persons and physically challenged individuals.

In all, MRA selected and trained 31 persons representing these different sectors to administer the requests in Abuja and Lagos. Fifty-five (55) requesters were initially invited to the trainings; 25 to the training in Abuja and 10 to the training in Lagos. However, 22 persons participated in the training in Abuja and nine (9) in the one that held in Lagos. However, 15 of the trainees actually submitted and processed their requests in Abuja and seven (7) did in Lagos making it a total of 22 participants who completed the exercise.

They were brought together in Abuja on September 6 and 7, 2013 and in Lagos on January 16 and 17, 2014 where they were given two-day training around the FOI Act.

The trainings sessions were structured but comprised of plenary, group works, video screening sessions, and practical sessions among others. Edetaen Ojo, MRA's Executive Director and Tive Denedo, its Director of Campaigns carried out the trainings.

During the trainings, the requesters were trained on the various aspects of the Freedom of Information Act and practical aspects of drafting actual requests and making the requests.

Sessions taken at the trainings included "Overview of the Freedom of Information Act." The session broke down the FOI Act into different modules and treated them separately to get participants to fully understand the various aspects and issues around the FOI Act before they go out to make requests.

During the session, Mr. Ojo took requesters through the following modules into which he broke the session: 'Key Features of the Freedom of Information Act, 2011'; 'Proactive Disclosure Under the Freedom of Information Act'; 'Information Exempted from General Access Under the Freedom of Information Act'; and 'Duties and Obligations of Public Institutions Under the Freedom of Information Act'.

The second session was on “How to make request for information under the FOI Act.” the session addressed a number of issues surrounding making a request for information and records from public institutions. Questions that the session addressed include: Who Can Apply for information? What Types of information can be requested? What institutions/bodies can be approached for information? Timeframe for responses; Fees for accessing information; Types of responses; and samples and templates for making requests which showed samples of correct and incorrect ways of making requests.

The third session took participants through “Strategies and Methodology for FOI Monitoring Exercise.”

The fourth session was a working session during which MRA official and participants brainstormed, selected and agreed on government institutions and agencies to be monitored.

During a number of sessions, participants went through the requests that had been drafted prior to the meeting; they fine-tuned the requests, added more, and allocated these requests to requesters and institutions.

The training also took participants through submitting the requests, follow-up after submission; the types of responses they will get and how to document these responses and reporting.

MRA officials and participants also agreed on the timelines for making requests, following-up and reporting back.

Participants had the opportunity of watching two videos about how poor people used access to information laws in India and South Africa to get access to basic development projects. The videos showed how the peoples came together to form a group with which to fight their cases; how they made their requests; the challenges they confronted and how they surmounted them; and their victories at the end of their struggles.

After the training, participants were asked to fine-tune their draft requests, type them in clean sheets or on letterhead papers and submit to the public institutions allocated to them. They were asked to do their first follow-up if after seven days, they did not get response to their requests. If they do get responses within the initial seven days, they

were to report to MRA what the response was. If they however did not get a response following their follow-up visit, they were to return for a second follow-up on the 14th day of submitting their requests. The draft requests were shared to the trainees randomly; no systematic approach was adopted to distribute the draft requests.

This is to allow for the initial seven days' time limit within which a public institution provided by the FOI Act in Section 4 to either grant or refuse the application for information. The second follow-up after 14 days is also to allow for the provision of Section 6 of the Act which allows for a possible extension of time by another seven days. This extension is subject to two conditions: one, when the application is for a large number of records and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the public institution. The second condition is when consultations are necessary to comply with the application that cannot reasonably be completed within the original time limit.

The trained requesters were asked to write their reports which incorporate the responses they got and their experiences in the process of administering and following up on their requests.

This report is written based on the findings, experiences, and observations submitted by the trained requesters who actually submitted their requests and followed up for responses.

II. Classification of Requests

Requests submitted by the trained requesters to selected public institutions were also classified into another level of categorisations depending on the information requested and not the response received. The three types of classifications of the requestss were: 'Routine', 'Difficult', and 'Sensitive'.

1. ***Routine:*** These are questions that are general and should be easy for the institution to answer or should be readily available.
2. ***Difficult:*** These are questions that will require some efforts on the part of the institution to provide adequate answer, like rigorous search of documents or research.
3. ***Sensitive:*** These are questions that may reveal some information about an institution or public official that may not be so pleasant, or that is politically inclined, or may incite disturbing thoughts and prompting further queries. The requester is likely to know such questions will be denied.

III. Explanation of Outcomes

Media Rights Agenda (MRA) classified the expected responses from the public institutions to the submission of requests by the trained requesters into eight different outcomes. These are 'Information Received', 'Unable to Submit', 'Mute Refusal', and 'Referred/ Transferred'. The other classifications are 'Oral Refusal', 'Written Refusal', 'Inadequate Answer', and 'Refusal to Accept'.

These outcomes are explained as follows:

1. **Information Received:** Means the information requested is provided by the public institution to which the request was made in written or oral form. In addition, the information provided was relevant to the request made and relatively complete.
2. **Unable to Submit:** This outcome refers to a situation where a requester could not submit a request to a public institution, either because the requester could not gain access into the institution where he/she went to make his/her requests for information/records or was unable to speak to the relevant person. Typically, the requester is not able to submit because the relevant person was perpetually “not on seat”, “has gone for lunch”, or “will soon resume” but is never in the office to receive or process the request.
3. **Mute Refusal:** For 'mute refusal', no formal refusal was given. However, no response was received from the institution to which a request was made even though the institution collected/received and possibly officially acknowledged the request. The 'mute refusal' outcome is recorded for a request after the expiration of 14 days being the initial seven days' time limit within which the FOI Act says a request should be treated and the additional seven days allowable extension by the Act.
4. **Referred/Transferred:** Where a public institution to which a request is made either transfers the request to another institution or refers the requester to another institution orally or in a written form, it is classified in this research as 'referred or transferred'. The FOI Act allows for the transfer of a request where a public institution feels that another institution has a greater interest in the information/record requested.
5. **Oral Refusal:** When an official refuses to provide the requested information/record without putting the refusal in writing as required by the FOI Act (reason may or may not be given).
6. **Written Refusal:** Here, request for information/records is refused and refusal is put in writing and states reasons for the refusal, as required by the law.
7. **Inadequate Answer:** Information provided for request is incomplete, inadequate or irrelevant, not giving the exact information/record requested. A public institution can, in response to a request, overwhelm a requester with an avalanche of information/records that are not relevant to the request.
8. **Refusal to Accept:** When an official at the institution refuses to receive/accept or process the request for information, it will usually be oral. Refusal to accept differs from 'Unable to Submit' outcome in that a public institution actively declines to accept the application for information/records or process same. They differ from 'Oral refusal' in that the response is not given in respect of the content of the FOI application.

Chapter 3

Findings

I. Consolidated Report of requests Made in Abuja and Lagos

This part of the report is based on the exercise carried out by all 22 requesters who actually carried out the exercise both in Abuja and Lagos. Twenty-two (22) participants submitted FOI requests to public institutions in Abuja while seven (7) submitted in Lagos.

Thirty-five (35) persons were invited to participate: 25 in Abuja and 10 in Lagos; but 31 turned up for the trainings: 22 in Abuja and nine (9) in Lagos but 22 actually fine-tuned and typed the applications for information/records, submitted them, followed up to get the necessary response and reported back to MRA. The analyses provided in this report are based on the reports from these 22 participants (15 in Abuja and 7 in Lagos) who completed the exercise.

In both cities, the participants submitted a total of 196 FOI requests; 132 were submitted in Abuja while 64 were submitted in Lagos. In other words, 67.34% of the requests were made in Abuja while 32.65% of the requests were made in Lagos.

II. Consolidated Outcomes of All Requests Submitted

'Mute Refusal' outcomes were the highest both in Abuja and Lagos; for a total of 111 requests, the requesters got the 'Mute Refusal' outcome which translates to 56.63% of the total requests made. In other words, for more than half the requests for information submitted under the project, the public institutions neither formally declined to grant the information nor did they give the information requested to the requesters.

Coming far behind this outcome were two different outcomes: 'Information Received' and 'Unable to Submit'. There were 19 each of these outcomes. This means that 9.69% of all the requests made during the project had the 'Information Received' outcome while another 9.69% of all the requests meant to be submitted at both locations could not be submitted: they got the 'Unable to Submit' outcome.

Coming closely behind these outcomes were those which the public institutions refused

to accept, they refused to accept 18 requests; 'Refusal to Accept' outcome. This translates to 9.18% of the requests that got the Refusal to Accept' outcome.

A total of 12 requests or 6.12% of all the requests submitted got 'Oral Refusal' response.

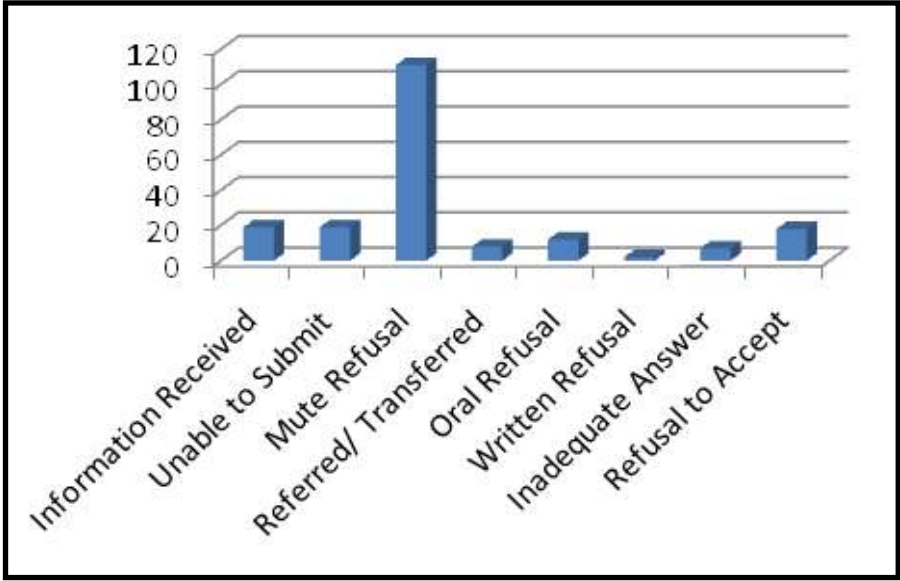
Eight (8) of the requests which account for 4.08% were 'Referred/Transferred' while seven of the requests or 3.57% of all the requests submitted got 'Inadequate Answer' outcome.

There were only two (2) 'Written Refusal' to the requests made, meaning that 1.02% of the requests submitted were formally denied their requests in writing. The FOI Act directs public institutions to write officially to people who made requests stating that they will not be given the information/records they requested for and stating what section(s) of the Act they are relying on and informing the requester that he/she has a right to challenge the refusal in court.

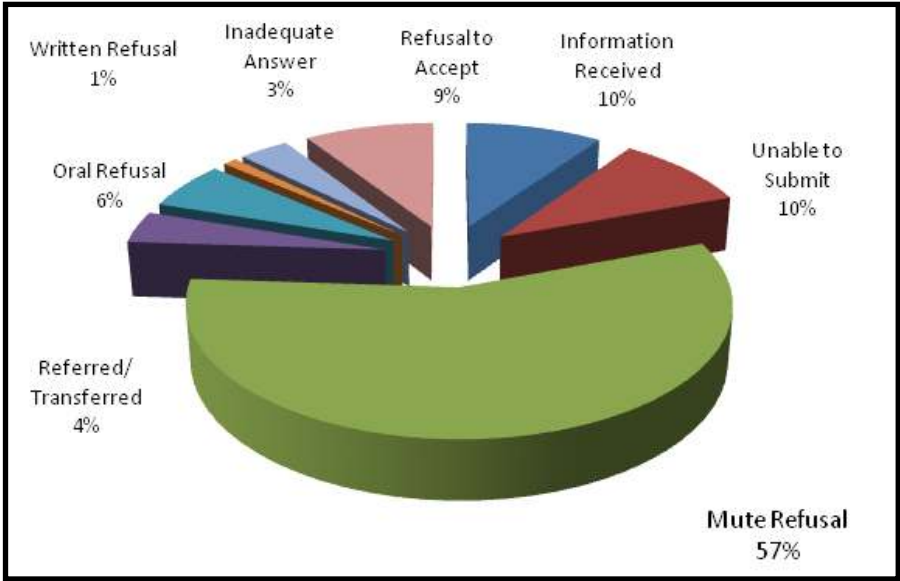
The table below shows the consolidated outcomes of all the requests submitted

Ser./No.	Types of Outcomes	Outcomes from Abuja	Outcomes from Lagos	Consolidated Outcomes
1.	Information Received	18	1	19
2.	Unable to Submit	8	11	19
3.	Mute Refusal	80	31	111
4.	Referred/ Transferred	5	3	8
5.	Oral Refusal	11	1	12
6.	Written Refusal	1	1	2
7.	Inadequate Answer	6	1	7
8.	Refusal to Accept	3	15	18
Total		132	64	196

The chart below shows the consolidated outcomes of all the requests submitted



The chart below shows the percentages of the consolidated outcomes of all the requests submitted



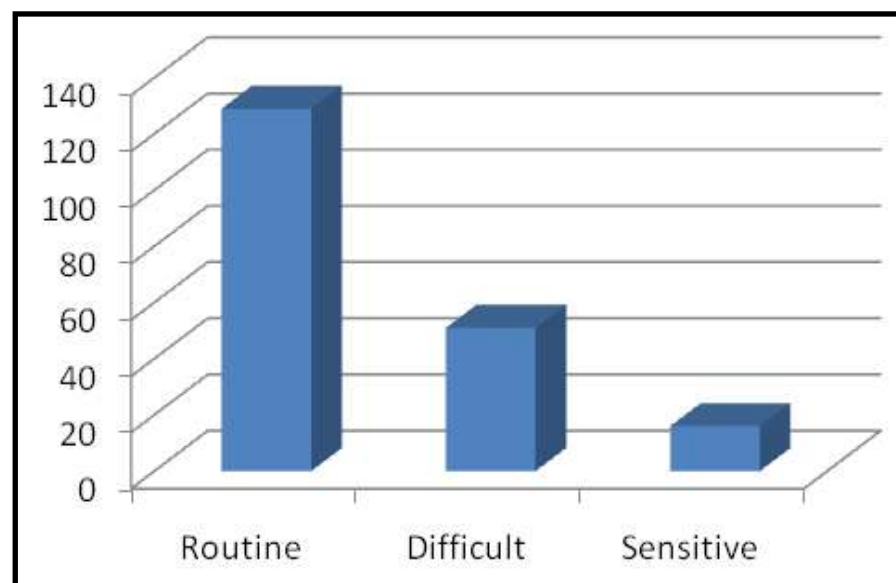
III. Consolidated Outcomes to All Requests Submitted According to their Classifications

For the exercise in Abuja and Lagos, the requesters submitted a combined total of 129 'Routine' requests, accounting for 66% of the total requests made. A total of 51 'Difficult' requests which represent 26% of the total requests were made while 16 'Sensitive' requests were submitted representing 8% of the total requests submitted at both locations.

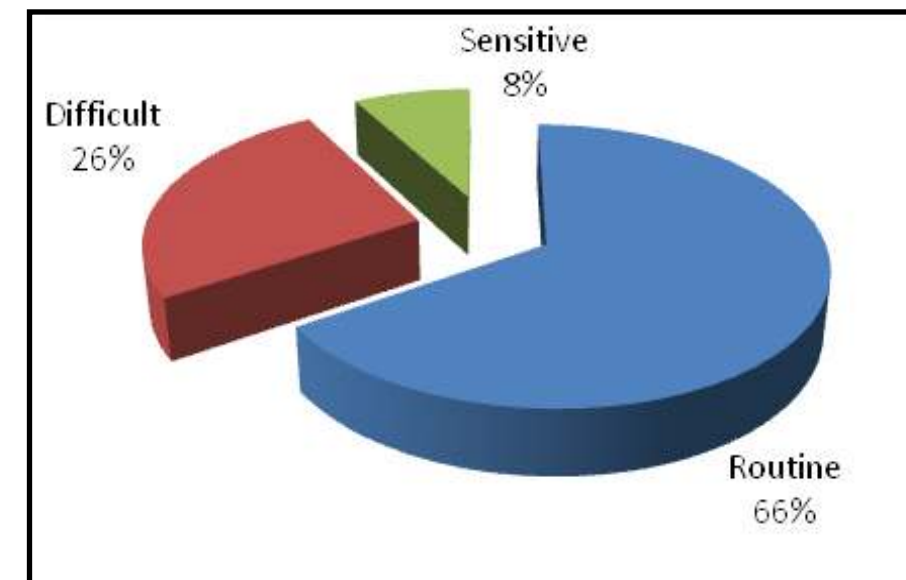
The table below shows the consolidated numbers of requests submitted according to their classes

Ser. No	Classification of requests	Number of Requests Submitted in Abuja		Number of Requests Submitted in Lagos		Total Requests	
1.	Routine	8	6	4	3	12	9
2.	Difficult	3	6	1	5	5	1
3.	Sensitive	1	0	6		1	6
Total		13	2	6	4	19	6

The chart below shows the consolidated numbers of requests submitted according to their classes



The chart below shows the percentages of the consolidated requests submitted according to their classes



IV. Consolidated Responses for 'Routine' Requests Submitted

A combined total of 129 'Routine' requests were submitted for the exercise, this translates to 65.81% or approximately 66% of all the combined requests submitted in Lagos and Abuja. It therefore means that there were more 'Routine' requests submitted, in fact more than half of the whole, than those in the classes of 'Difficult' and 'Sensitive' combined.

The majority of 'Routine' requests submitted, 71 in all got the 'Mute Refusal' outcome. This number accounts for 55% of all the 'Routine' requests submitted for the exercise.

A total of 13 'Routine' requests, representing 10% of the total 'Routine' submitted got the 'Information Received' outcome; another set of 13 requests, and another 10% of 'Routine' requests submitted got the 'Refusal to Accept' outcome.

Another 12 'Routine' requests, which account for 9.30% of all 'Routine' requests submitted got the 'Unable to Submit' outcome.

For 9 'Routine' requests, the requesters got the 'Oral Refusal' outcome; these account for 6.97% or approximately 7% of all 'Routine' requests submitted.

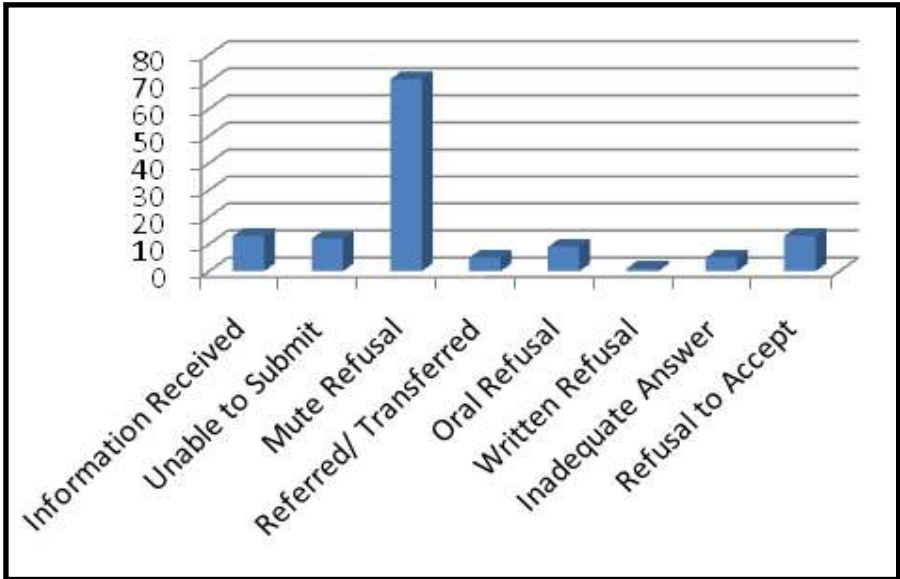
Two sets of five (5) 'Routine' requests got the 'Referred/Transferred' and 'Inadequate Answer' outcomes. In other words, 3.87% of the 'Routine' requests got the 'Referred/Transferred' outcome and another 3.87% also got the 'Inadequate Answer' outcome.

There was only one (1) 'Written Refusal' outcome for the 'Routine' requests submitted.

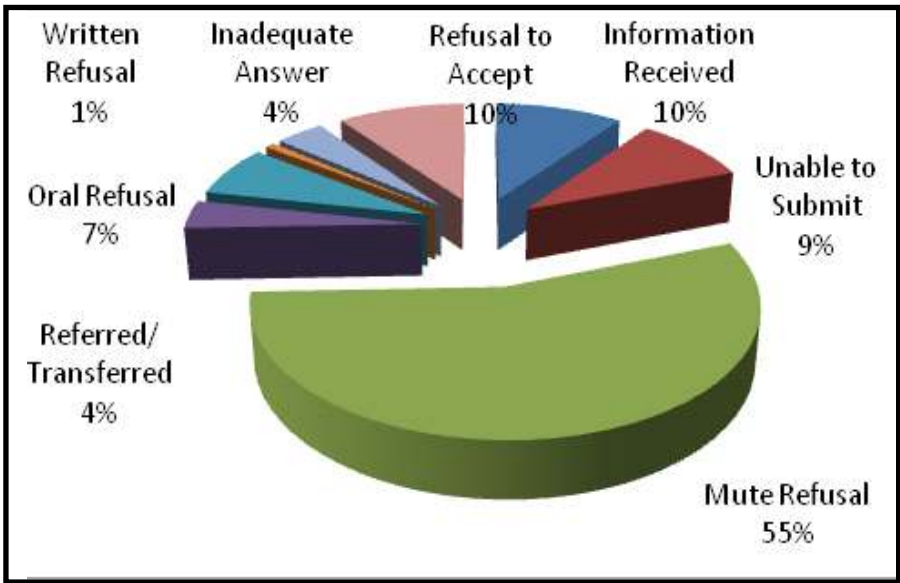
The table below shows the consolidated responses for 'Routine' requests submitted

Ser./No.	Types of Outcomes	Abuja Outcomes	Lagos Outcomes	Consolidated Outcomes
1.	Information Received	1 2	1	13
2.	Unable to Submit	5	7	12
3.	Mute Refusal	5 3	18	71
4.	Referred/ Transferred	2	3	5
5.	Oral Refusal	8	1	9
6.	Written Refusal	0	1	1
7.	Inadequate Answer	5	0	5
8.	Refusal to Accept	1	12	13
Total		8 6	4 3	12 9

The chart below shows the consolidated responses for 'Routine' requests submitted



The chart below shows the percentages of the consolidated responses for 'Routine' requests submitted



V. Consolidated Responses for 'Difficult' Requests Submitted

For the combined 51 'Difficult' requests submitted at both locations, for a total of 31 of them, the outcome was 'Mute Refusal'. This means that 60.78% or approximately 61% of the 'Difficult' requests got the 'Mute Refusal' outcome.

Six (6) 'Difficult' requests or 11.76%, approximately 12% got the 'Information Received' outcome while another six (6) 'Difficult' requests or 11.76%, approximately 12% got the 'Unable to Submit' outcome.

Three (3) 'Difficult' requests or 5.88%, approximately 6% got the 'referred/Transferred' outcome while another three (3) 'Difficult' requests or 5.88%, approximately 6% got the 'Oral refusal' outcome.

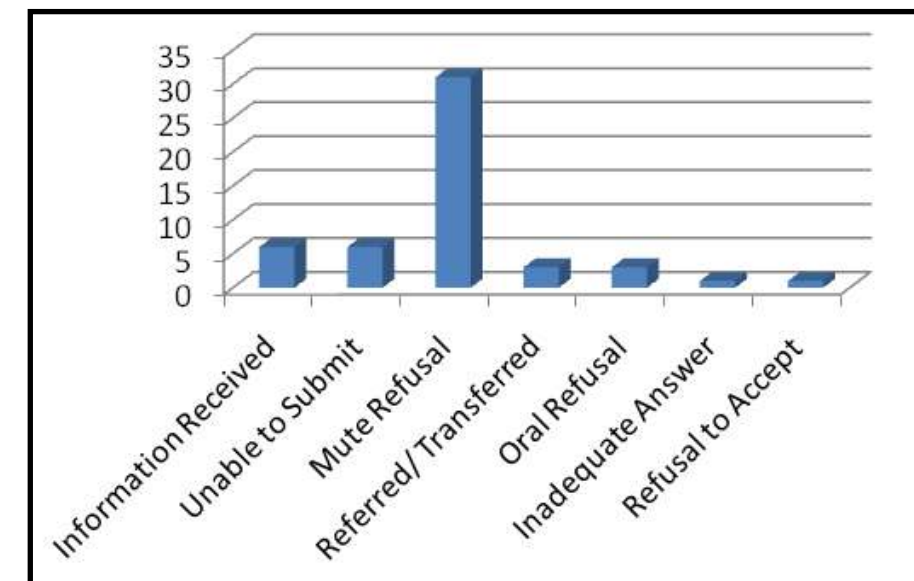
One (1) 'Difficult' request or 1.96%, approximately 2% had 'Inadequate Answer' outcome and another one (1) 'Difficult' request or 1.96%, approximately 2% also got the 'Refusal to Accept' outcome.

No 'Difficult' request got a 'Written Refusal' outcome.

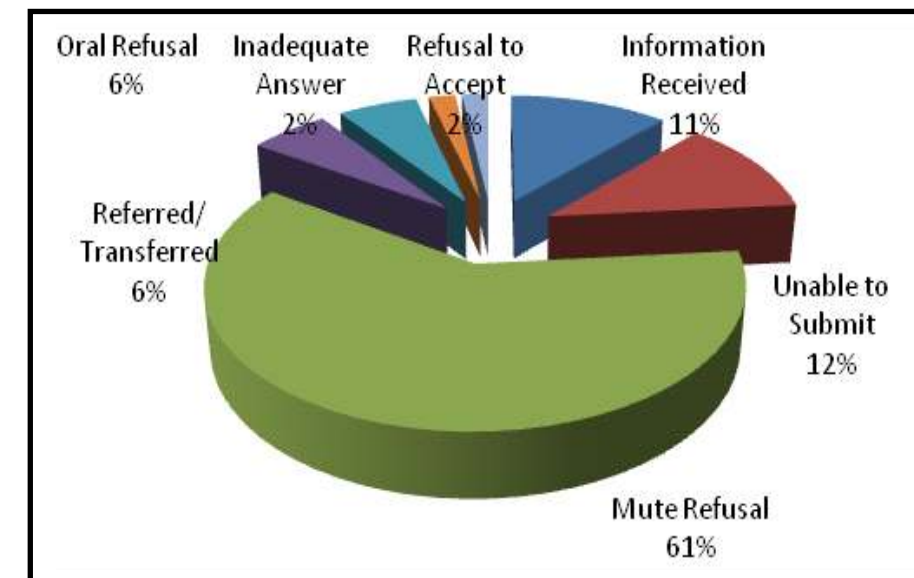
The table below shows the consolidated outcomes for the 'Difficult' requests submitted

Ser./No.	Types of Outcomes	Abuja Outcomes	Lagos Outcomes	Consolidated Outcomes
1.	Information Received	6	0	6
2.	Unable to Submit	3	3	6
3.	Mute Refusal	20	11	31
4.	Referred/ Transferred	3	0	3
5.	Oral Refusal	3	0	3
6.	Written Refusal	0	0	0
7.	Inadequate Answer	1	0	1
8.	Refusal to Accept	0	1	1
Total		36	15	51

The chart below shows the consolidated outcomes for the 'Difficult' requests submitted



The chart below shows the percentages of the consolidated outcomes for the 'Difficult' requests submitted



VI. Consolidated Responses for 'Sensitive' Requests Submitted

The 'Sensitive' requests submitted were far fewer than the 'Difficult' and 'Routine' requests submitted: a total of 16 requests out of the total 196 submitted or 8% were classified as 'Sensitive'.

For nine (9) of the 'Sensitive' requests submitted or 56.25%, the outcome was 'Mute Refusal'.

Three (3) 'Sensitive' requests, requesters got the 'refusal to Accept' outcome. This is 18.75% of the total 'Sensitive' requests submitted.

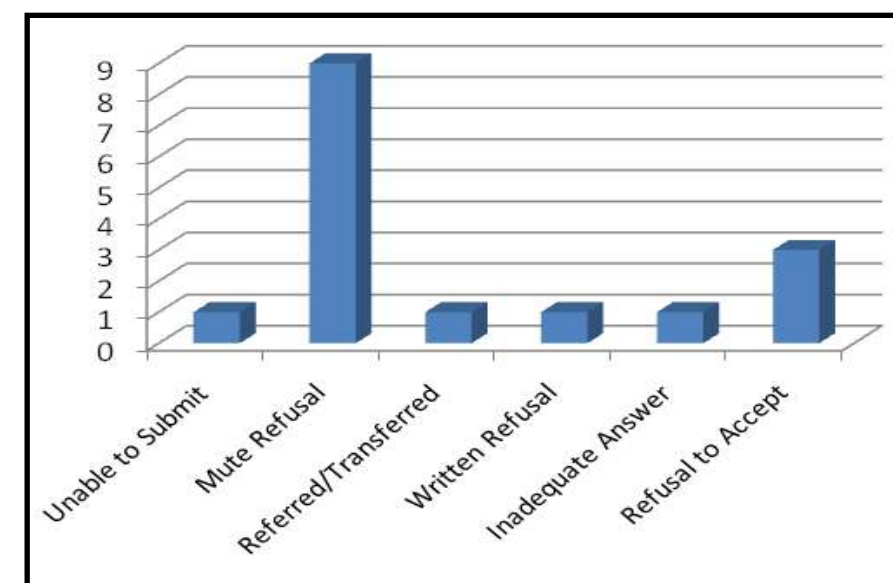
One (1) 'Sensitive' request (6.25%) apiece received the 'Unable to Submit', 'Referred/Transferred', 'Written Refusal' and 'Inadequate Answer' outcomes respectively.

There was no 'Information received' nor 'Oral refusal' outcomes from the 'Sensitive' request submitted, either in Abuja or Lagos.

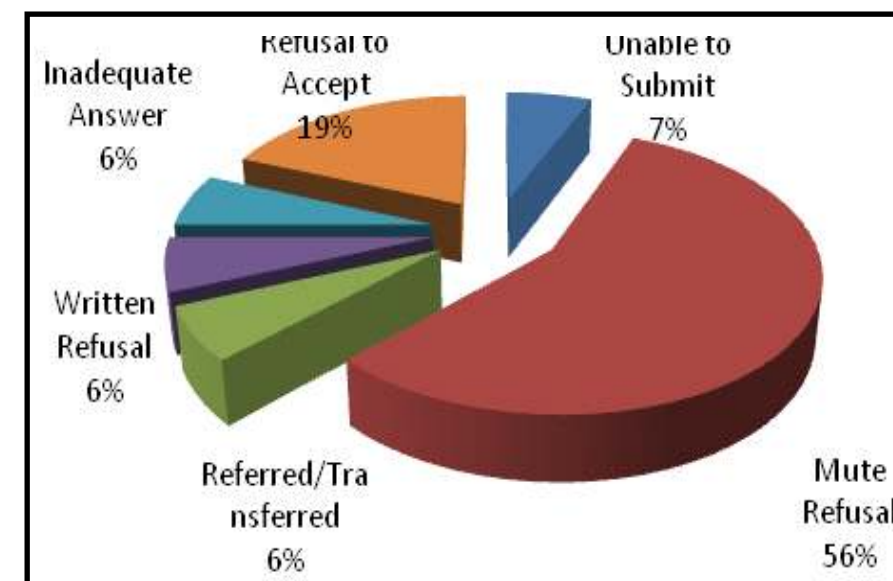
The table below shows the consolidated outcomes for the 'Sensitive' requests submitted.

Ser/No	Types of Outcomes	Abuja Outcomes	Lagos Outcomes	Consolidated Outcomes
1.	Information Received	0	0	0
2.	Unable to Submit	0	1	1
3.	Mute Refusal	7	2	9
4.	Referred/Transferred	1	0	1
5.	Oral Refusal	0	0	0
6.	Written Refusal	1	0	1
7.	Inadequate Answer	0	1	1
8.	Refusal to Accept	1	2	3
Total		10	6	16

The chart below shows the consolidated outcomes for the 'Sensitive' requests submitted.



The chart below shows the percentages of the consolidated outcomes for the 'Sensitive' requests submitted.



VII. Consolidated Sectoral Submission of Requests

Journalists: broadcast, print and online submitted the highest number of requests; they submitted 66 requests that represent 33.67% of the total combined requests submitted for the exercise.

They were followed by Trade Unionists who submitted 29 requests representing 14.79% of the total requests.

FOI requests submitted by Women and Youth NGOs were 28 which account for 14.28% of the requests submitted.

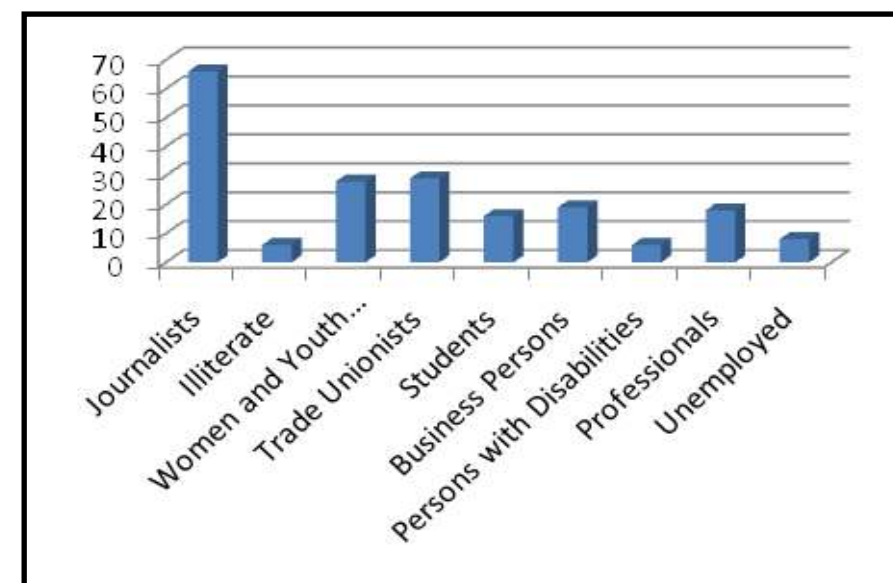
Business persons submitted 19 requests representing 9.69%; Professionals submitted 18 requests that represent 9.18% of the total requests made.

Students who participated in the exercise submitted 16 requests that represent 8.16%; unemployed persons submitted eight (8) requests that represent 4% while illiterate persons submitted six (6) requests (3%) and persons living with disabilities also submitted six (6) requests representing 3% of the total requests.

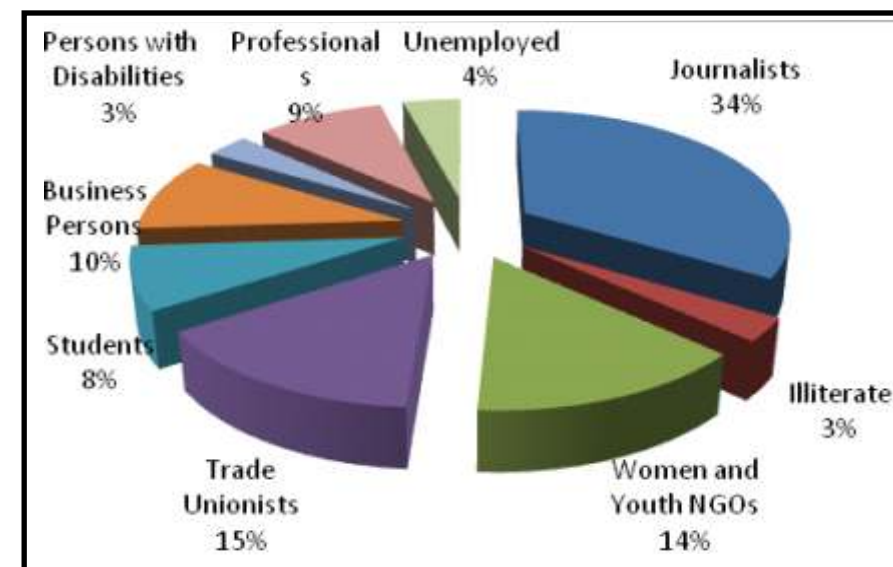
The table below shows the total number of FOI requests submitted according to sectors

Ser. No.	Social Sector	No. of Requests Submitted
1.	Journalists	66
2.	Illiterate	6
3.	Women and Youth NGOs	28
4.	Trade Unionists	29
5.	Students	16
6.	Business Persons	19
7.	Persons with Disabilities	6
8.	Professionals	18
9.	Unemployed	8
Total		196

The table below shows the total number of FOI requests submitted according to sectors



The table below shows the percentages of all FOI requests submitted according to sectors



Chapter

Outcomes of Requests Submitted in Abuja

This part of the report is based on the exercise carried out by the 15 requesters who actually carried out the exercise in Abuja. A total of 56 public institutions were selected for the exercise, while 183 requests for information/records were drafted. These drafted requests were classified into three classes: Routine (R), Difficult (D), and Sensitive (S). Twenty-two (22) requesters showed up and were trained to administer the requests for the monitoring exercise. Drafted requests were randomly distributed among the requesters.

A total of 15 requesters out of the 22 trained or 68.18% of the trained requesters actually submitted their requests in the exercise conducted in Abuja and reported back to MRA. They submitted 132 requests or 72.13% of the drafted requests. The 15 requesters submitted their requests to 50 public institutions or 89.28% of the originally selected institutions in Abuja.

I. Responses for All Requests Submitted in Abuja

For the majority of the requests, the requesters got 'Mute Refusal' response; a total of 80 responses or approximately 61% of all the requests submitted got this response.

Only for 18 requests did the requesters receive the full and actual information they requested for, meaning that only 13.63% or approximately 14% of all the requests submitted got the response type 'Information Received'.

The requesters got the 'Oral Refusal' response for 11 requests they made or 8.33% of all the requests submitted in Abuja.

The requesters were 'Unable to Submit' eight (8) of the requests or 6% of the total at the designated public institutions.

Six (6) requests or 4.54%, of all the requests submitted got 'Inadequate Answer' responses.

In five (5) requests submitted or 3.78%, approximately 4% of all the requests submitted in Abuja, the requests were 'Referred/Transferred'.

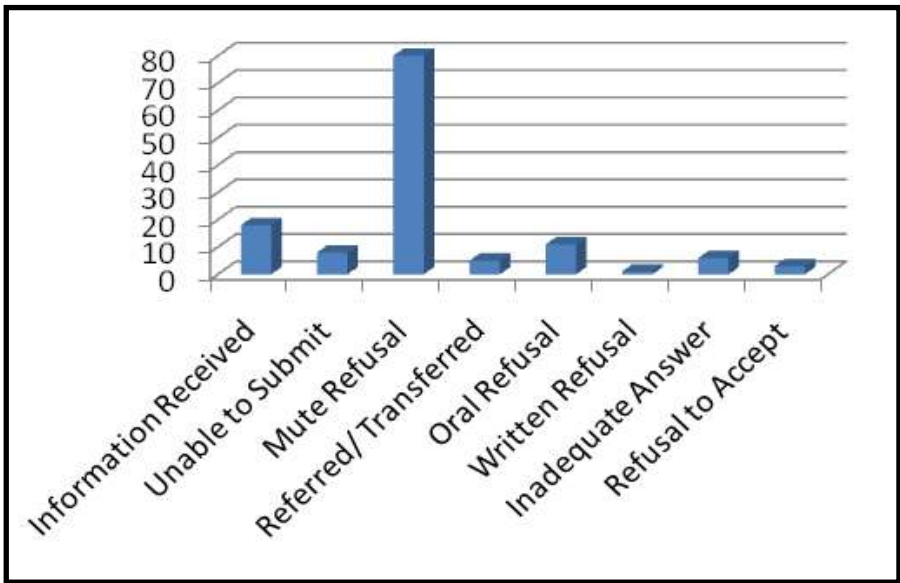
For three (3) of the requests or 2.27% of the total requests, the requesters got the 'Refusal to Accept' responses.

For only one (1) request or 0.75%, approximately 1% of the total requests submitted in Abuja a requester got the 'Written Refusal' response. It was the only 'Written Refusal' response received for the exercise in Abuja.

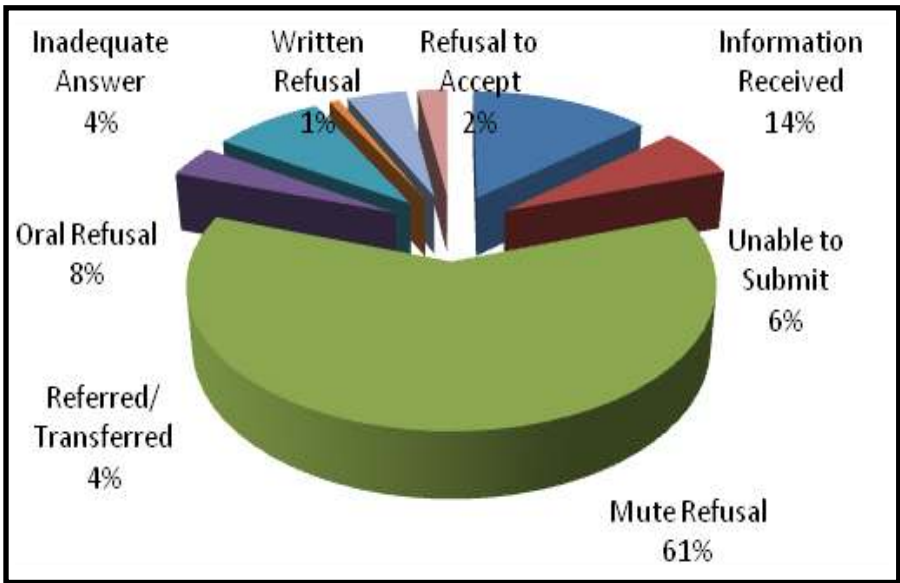
The table below shows the outcomes of the requests made

Ser./No.	Types of Outcomes	Number of response
1.	Information Received	18
2.	Unable to Submit	8
3.	Mute Refusal	80
4.	Referred/ Transferred	5
5.	Oral Refusal	11
6.	Written Refusal	1
7.	Inadequate Answer	6
8.	Refusal to Accept	3
Total		132

The chart below shows the outcomes of all the requests made in Abuja



The chart below shows the percentages of the outcomes of all the requests made in Abuja



II. Responses to Requests Submitted in Abuja According to their Classifications

Out of the total 132 requests submitted, 86of them or 65.15% of all the requests submitted were classified as 'Routine'; 36 of them or 27.27% as 'Difficult'; while ten (10) or 7.57% of the total requests were classified as 'Sensitive'.

Table showing the numbers of requests submittedin Abuja according to their classifications

Ser. No	Classification of request	Number of Requests Submitted	Percentage of Request Submitte d
1.	Routine	86	65 %
2.	Difficult	36	27 %
3.	Sensitive	10	App. 8 %
Total		132	100 %

Chart showing the numbers of requests submitted according to their classifications

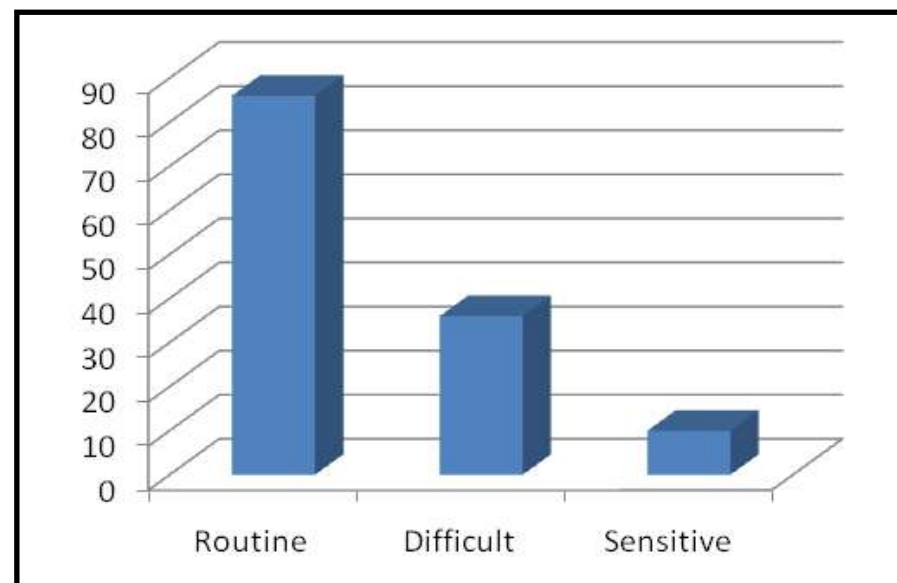
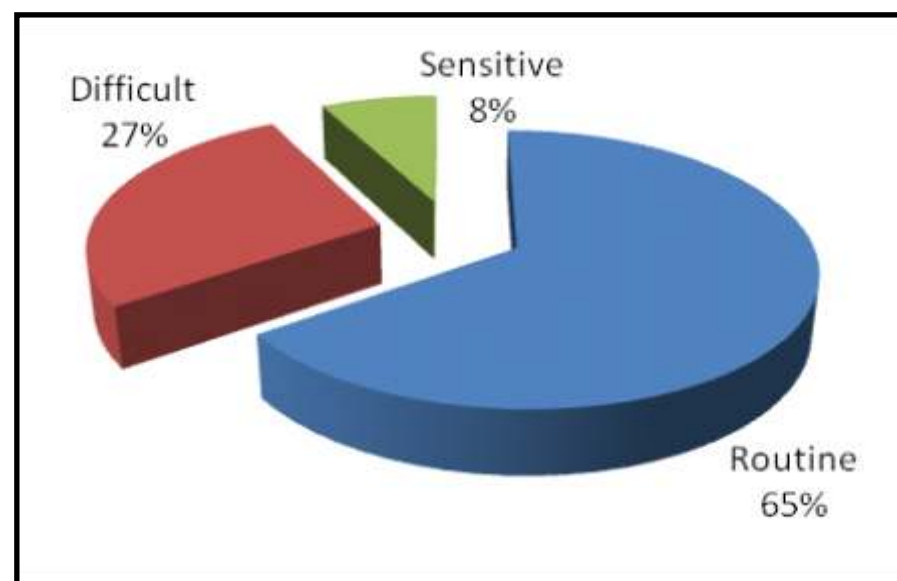


Chart showing the percentages of requests submitted according to their classifications



III. Responses for 'Routine' Requests Submitted in Abuja

Of the total 86 'Routine' requests submitted, the majority of them, 53 in all or 62% of the total 'Routine' requests submitted received 'Mute Refusal' response

Another 12 'Routine' requests or 14% got the 'Information received' response, meaning they got the correct information/record requested for. This was followed by another eight (8) requests or 9% of all 'Routine' requests made and which got the 'Oral Refusal' response.

Five 'Routine' requests or 6% received the 'Unable to Submit' response, in other words, these five requests could not be submitted by the requesters to the assigned public institutions, either because they could not gain access into the institution where they went to make the requests or were unable to speak to the relevant persons.

Another five 'Routine' requests or another 6% got the 'Inadequate Answer' response; the requesters had information or record given to them but these information/records that they were given were not the complete information/documents they requested for.

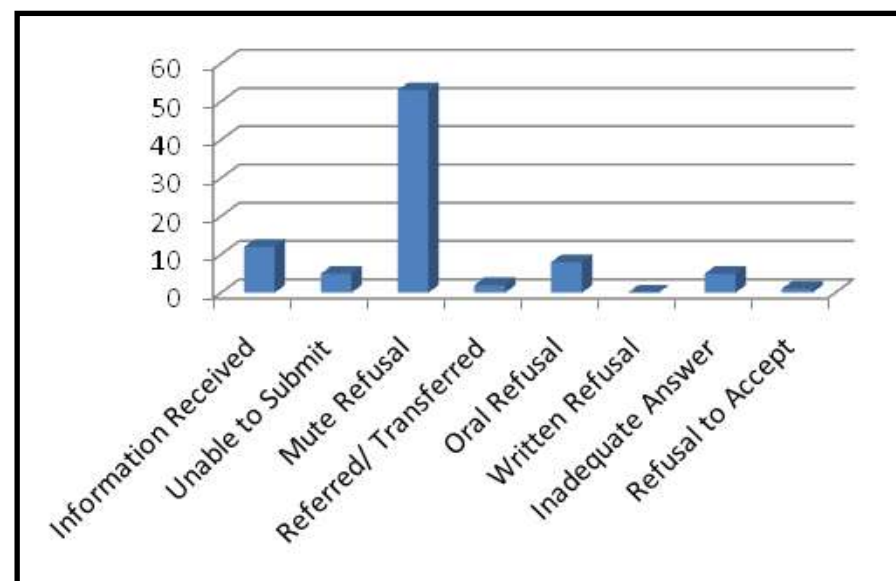
Two 'Routine' requests submitted or 2% were 'Transferred' or 'Referred' to other institutions while for one request or 1% of the 'Routine' requests, a requester got the 'Refusal to Accept' response.

None of the 'Routine' requests, 0%, submitted got a 'Written Refusal' response.

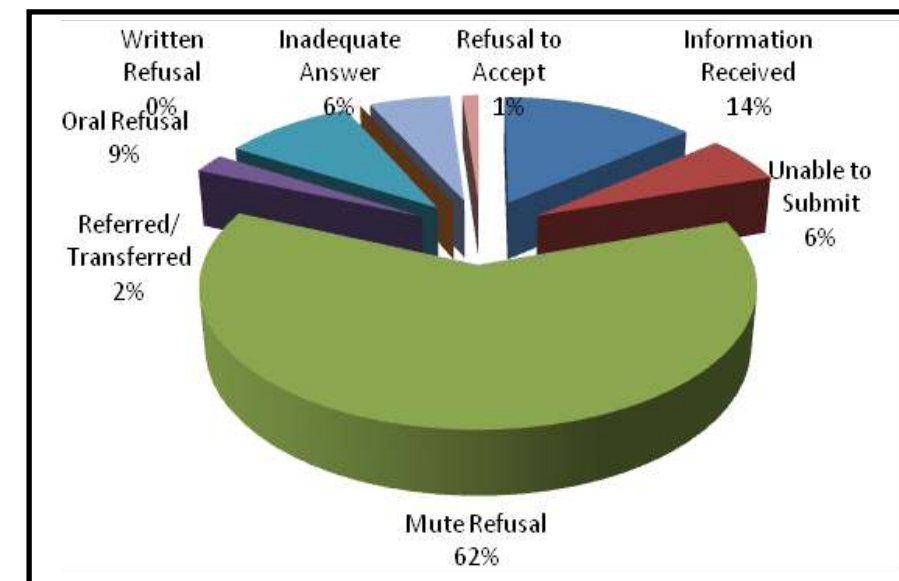
Table showing responses to 'Routine' requests submitted

Ser./No.	Types of Outcomes	Number of response
1.	Information Received	12
2.	Unable to Submit	5
3.	Mute Refusal	53
4.	Referred/ Transferred	2
5.	Oral Refusal	8
6.	Written Refusal	0
7.	Inadequate Answer	5
8.	Refusal to Accept	1
Total Submitted		86

The chart below shows the numbers of responses to 'Routine' requests submitted



The chart below shows the percentages of responses to 'Routine' requests submitted



IV. Responses for 'Difficult' Requests Submitted in Abuja

The requesters submitted a total of 36 requests classified as 'Difficult'. Again, the majority of them; that is, 20 'Difficult' requests or 56% got the 'Mute Refusal' response.

In six (6) of the 'Difficult' requests submitted, which constitute 17% of the total 'Difficult' requests, the requesters got the information they requested for.

For three (3) 'Difficult' requests, 8%, the requesters got the 'Unable to Submit' response; in another three (3) requests, 8%, they got the 'Referred/Transferred' response; while in yet another three (3) requests, 8%, requester also got the 'Oral Refusal' response.

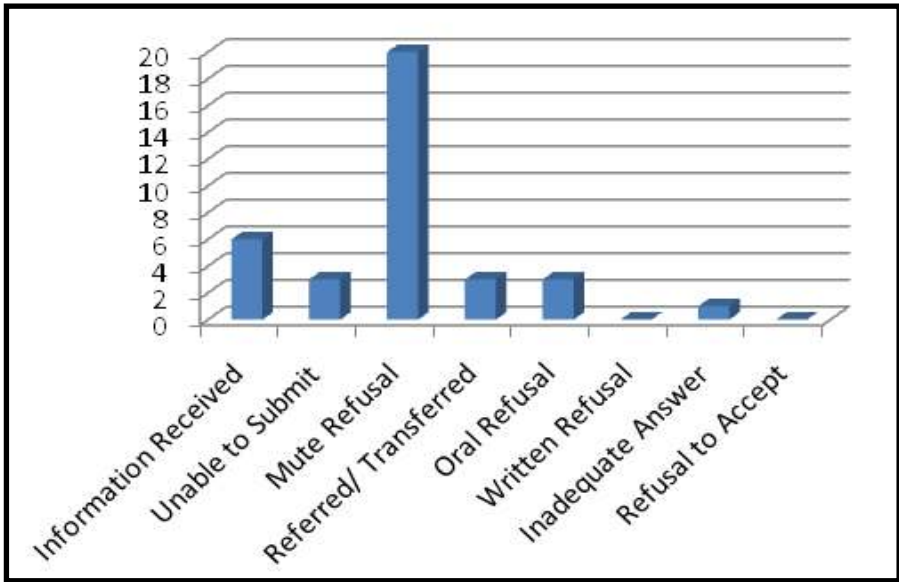
For one (1) or 3% 'Difficult' request, a requester got 'Inadequate Answer'.

For no 'Difficult' request, 0% did any of the requesters receive the 'Written Refusal' or 'Refusal to Accept' responses.

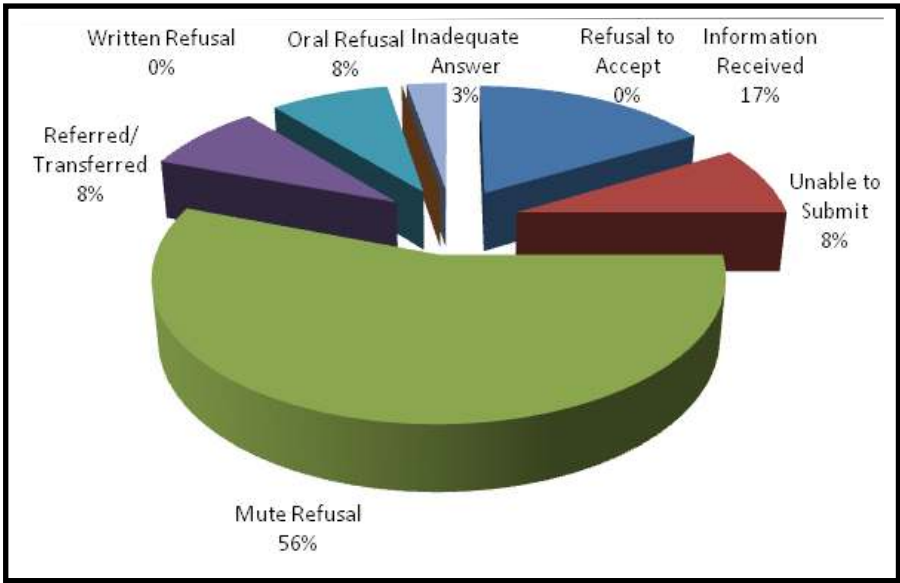
Table Showing Responses to 'Difficult' Requests Submitted

Ser./No.	Types of Outcomes	Number of response
1.	Information Received	6
2.	Unable to Submit	3
3.	Mute Refusal	20
4.	Referred/ Transferred	3
5.	Oral Refusal	3
6.	Written Refusal	0
7.	Inadequate Answer	1
8.	Refusal to Accept	0
Total Submitted		36

The chart below shows the numbers of responses to 'Difficult' requests submitted



The chart below shows the percentages of responses to 'Difficult' requests submitted



V. Responses for 'Sensitive' Requests Submitted in Abuja

Requesters submitted a total of ten (10) 'Sensitive' requests to public institutions during the project in Abuja.

Seven (7) or 70% of them, got the 'Mute Refusal' response, One response or 10% of 'Sensitive' requests submitted received the 'Referred/ Transferred' response; another one (1) or 10% 'Sensitive' request got the 'Refusal to Accept' response.

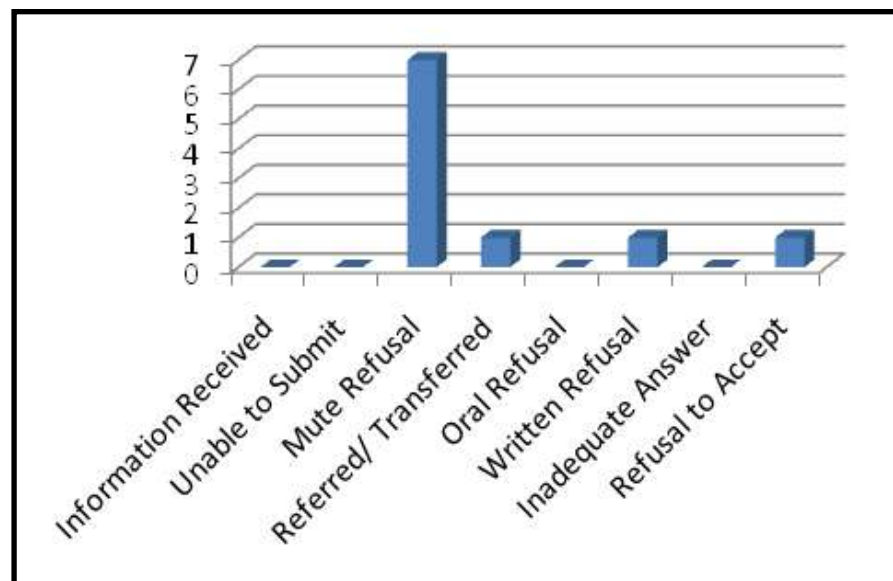
Yet another one (1) request or 10% 'Sensitive' requests received the 'Written Refusal' response. There was only one 'Written Refusal' response for all the requests made in Abuja, whether 'routine', 'Difficult', or 'Sensitive'.

The requesters did not receive any response that falls into the 'Information Received', 'Unable to Submit', 'Oral Refusal' or 'Inadequate Answer' response categories.

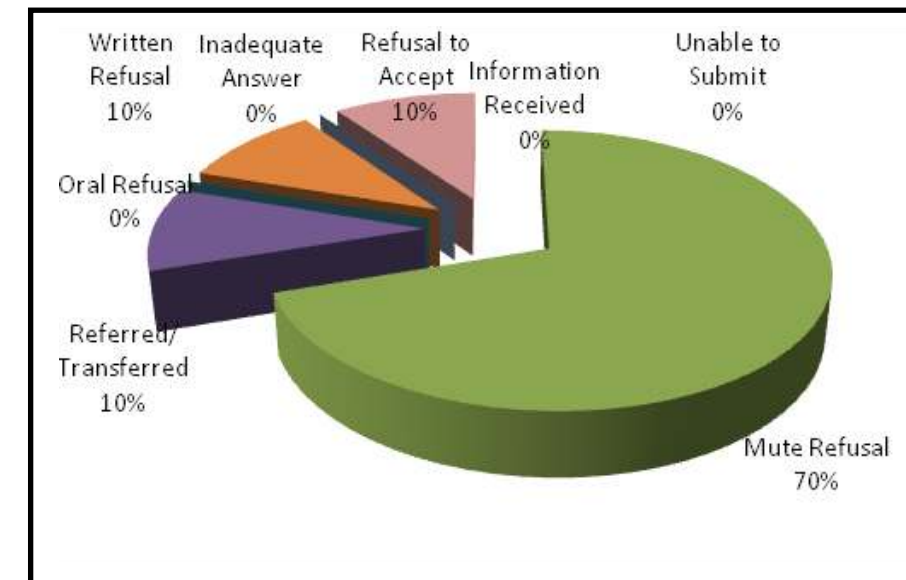
Table Showing Responses to 'Sensitive' Requests Submitted

Ser./No.	Types of Outcomes	Number of response
1.	Information Received	0
2.	Unable to Submit	0
3.	Mute Refusal	7
4.	Referred/ Transferred	1
5.	Oral Refusal	0
6.	Written Refusal	1
7.	Inadequate Answer	0
8.	Refusal to Accept	1
Total Submitted		10

The chart below shows the numbers of responses to 'Sensitive' requests submitted



The chart below shows the percentages of responses to 'sensitive' requests submitted



VI. Sectoral Submission of Requests in Abuja

Sectorally, requesters submitted the following numbers of requests. Broadcast journalists submitted the highest number of requests; they submitted 37 requests which represent 28.03% of the total requests submitted.

Those who represent the business sector submitted the next highest number of requests; they submitted 19 which account for 14.39% of the total requests submitted.

Print journalists and those representing 'women and youth' sectors submitted 18 requests each which represent 13.63% apiece.

The students' sector requesters submitted 16 requests or 12.12% of the total requests submitted.

A total of nine (9) requests were submitted by requesters representing 'trade unionists' and another nine (9) requests submitted by those representing professionals. These translate to 6.81% of the total requests submitted by each of the two sectors.

Persons with disabilities submitted six (6) questions which account for 4.54% of the total requests submitted.

Table showing sectoral distribution of requests submitted

Ser. No.	Social Sector	No. of Requests Submitted
1	Print Journalist s	1 8
2	Broadcast Journalists	3 7
3	Women and Youth NGO	1 8
4	Trade Unionists	9
5	Student s	1 6
6	Business Persons	1 9
7	Persons with Disabilities	6
8	Professionals	9
Total		132

Chart showing sectoral distribution of requests submitted

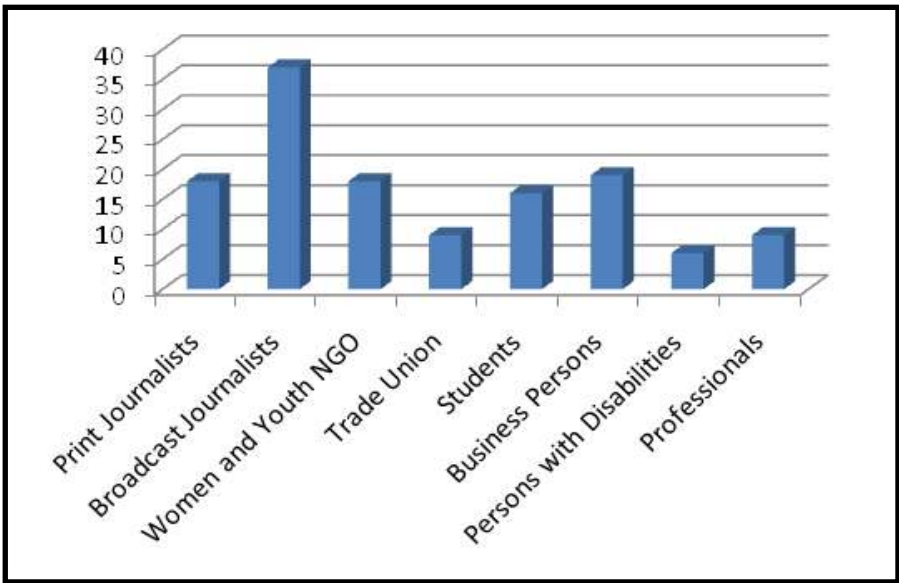
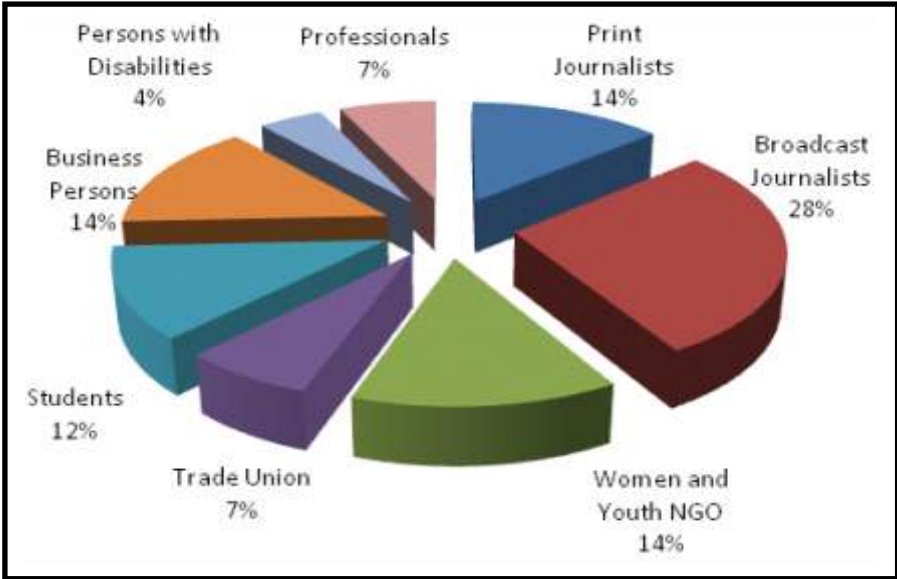


Chart showing percentages of sectoral distribution of requests submitted



The table below shows the various responses received by requesters representing the different sectors for the requests made in Abuja

Sectors →	PR J	BRJ	W&YNGO	STU D	BI Z	PERSW D	PRO F
Responses →							
Information Received	2	1 0	2	1	1	2	0
Inadequate Answer	0	1	0	1	1	0	2
Written Refusal	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Oral Refusal	1	4	4	0	2	0	0
Mute Refusal	1 3	1 7	1 1	7	8	1 5	1
Refusal to Accept	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Unable to Submit	0	2	1	0	2	0	3
Transferred/Referred	1	1	0	0	2	1	0

Keys:

PRJ	-	Print Journalists
BRJ	-	Broadcast Journalists
W&Y NGOs	-	Women & Youth NGOs
TUN	-	Trade Unionist
STUD	-	Students
BIZ	-	Business
PERSWD	-	Persons with Disabilities
PROF	-	Professionals

Chapter

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Outcomes of Requests in Lagos

In Lagos, a total of ten persons were invited to participate in the exercise; nine of them or 90% turned up and participated in it while only seven of them or 77.7%, approximately 78% of those trained actually drafted and submitted their requests for information and records to public institutions. The seven requesters submitted a total of 64 requests to designated public institutions.

I. Responses for All Requests Submitted in Lagos

Like in the outcomes for the exercise in Abuja, the majority of the outcomes from the Lagos exercise were 'Mute Refusal'. Of the total 64 requests submitted in Lagos, 31 of them which account for 48.43% got the 'Mute Refusal' response.

Another 15 requests submitted, which amount to 23.43% of the total requests submitted in Lagos got the 'Refusal to Accept' response.

Requesters were 'Unable to Submit' 11 requests which form 17.18% of the requests submitted in the Lagos exercise.

For three (3) requests, or 4.68% of the total requests submitted in Lagos, the requests were 'Referred/ Transferred'.

For one (1) request each or 1.56% each of all the requests submitted in Lagos, requesters had four different responses, namely one 'Information Received'; one 'Oral Refusal'; one 'Written Refusal' and one 'Inadequate Answer'.

Table showing the outcomes (responses) of requests submitted in Lagos

Ser./No	Types of Outcomes	Number of response
1.	Information Received	1
2.	Unable to Submit	11
3.	Mute Refusal	31
4.	Referred/ Transferred	3
5.	Oral Refusal	1
6.	Written Refusal	1
7.	Inadequate Answer	1
8.	Refusal to Accept	15
Total Submitted		64

Chart showing the outcomes (responses) of requests submitted in Lagos

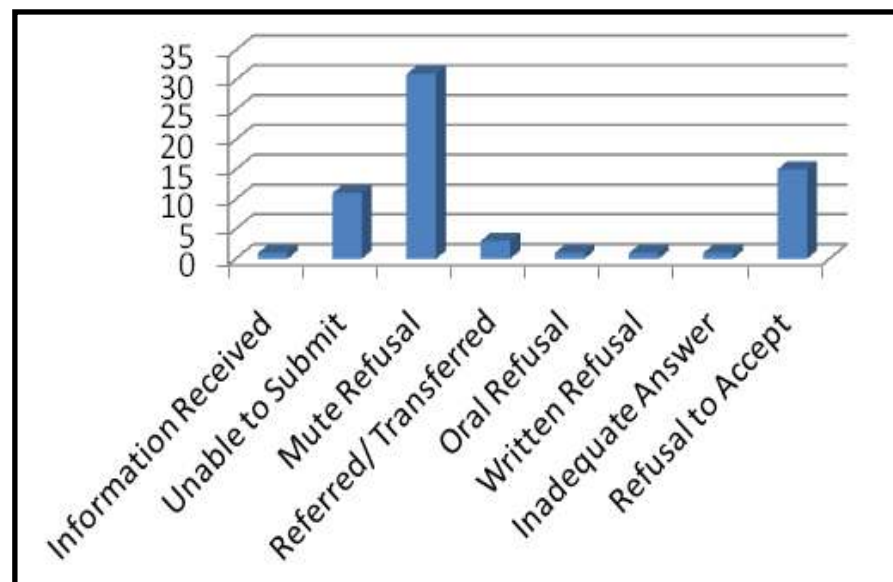
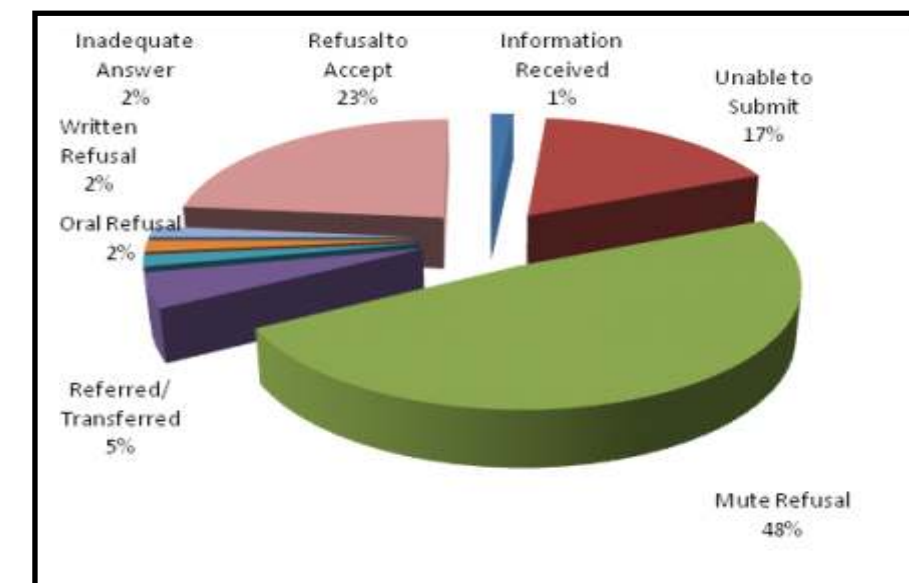


Chart showing the percentages of the outcomes (responses) of requests submitted in Lagos



II. Responses to Requests Submitted in Lagos According to their Classifications

Like was the case in Abuja, the requests drafted for submission were also classified into 'Routine', 'Difficult', and 'Sensitive'.

A total of 43 requests or 67.18% of the total requests submitted in the exercise in Lagos were classified as 'Routine'; another 15 of them or 23.43% were classified as 'Difficult' while the rest six or 9.37% were classified as 'Sensitive'.

Table showing the numbers of requests submitted in Lagos according to their classifications

Ser. No	Classification of request	Number of Requests Submitted	Percentage of Request Submitted
1.	Routine	43	67.18 %
2.	Difficult	15	23.43 %
3.	Sensitive	6	9.37 %
Total		64	100 %

Chart showing the numbers of requests submitted in Lagos according to their classifications

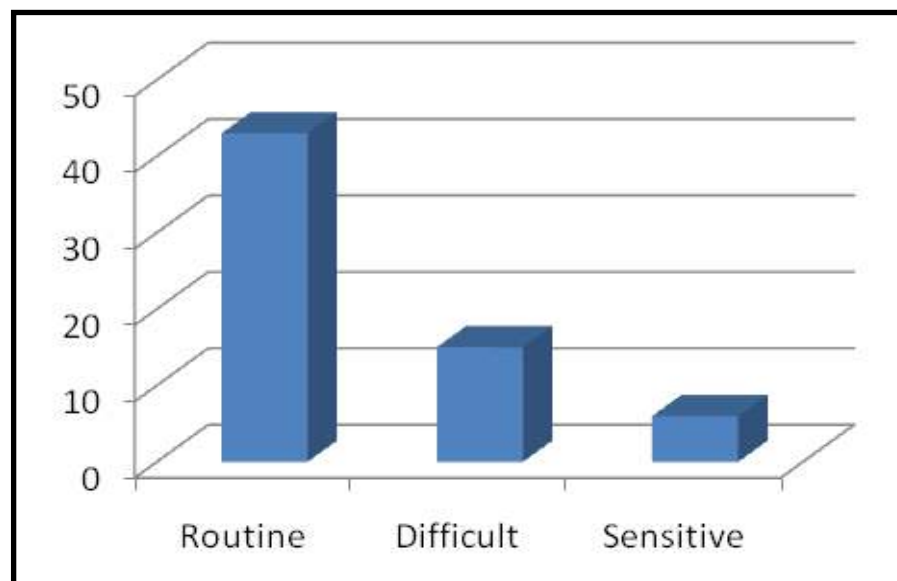
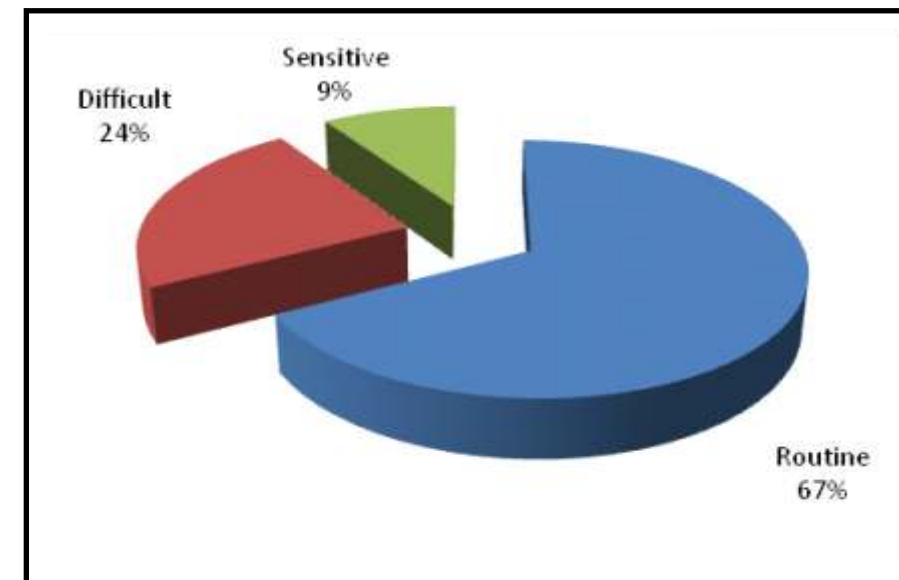


Chart showing the percentages of requests submitted in Lagos according to their classifications



III. Responses for 'Routine' Requests Submitted in Lagos

A total of 43 'Routine' requests were submitted in the exercise in Lagos. This number accounts for 67.18% of the total requests submitted in Lagos.

For 18 of the 'Routine' requests, which constitute 41.86% or approximately 42% of all the 'Routine' requests submitted in Lagos, the outcome was 'Mute refusal'.

Twelve (12) requests or 27.90%, approximately 28% of the 'Routine' requests submitted in Lagos got the 'Refusal to Accept' response.

For seven (7) or 16.27% of the 'Routine' requests meant to be submitted to public institutions in Lagos, the requesters were 'Unable to Submit' them.

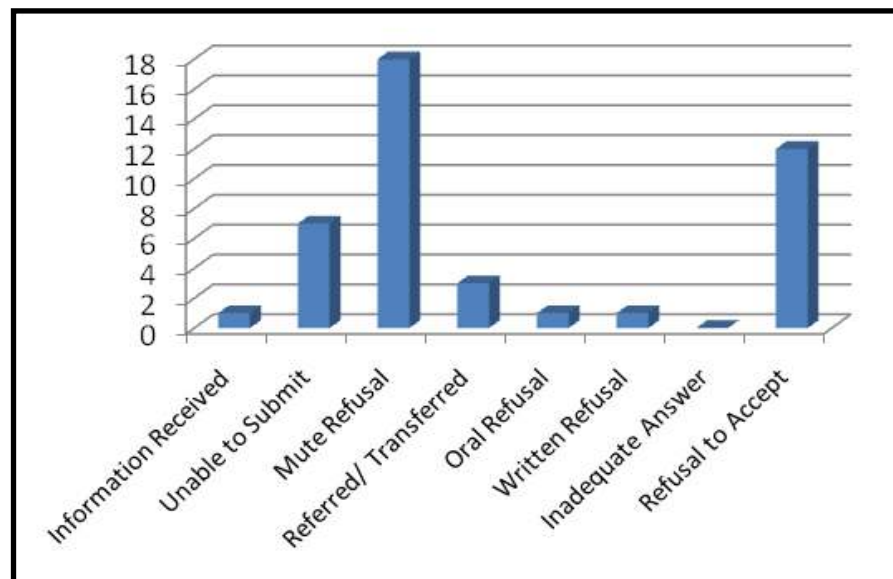
Requesters were 'Transferred/Referred' in three (3) or 6.97%, approximately 7% of the 'Routine' requests submitted in Lagos.

Requesters got one (1) or 2.32% response each of 'Information Received', 'Oral Refusal', and 'Written Refusal' outcomes for 'Routine' requests submitted in Lagos. No 'Inadequate Answer' was received for any of the 'Routine' requests submitted in Lagos.

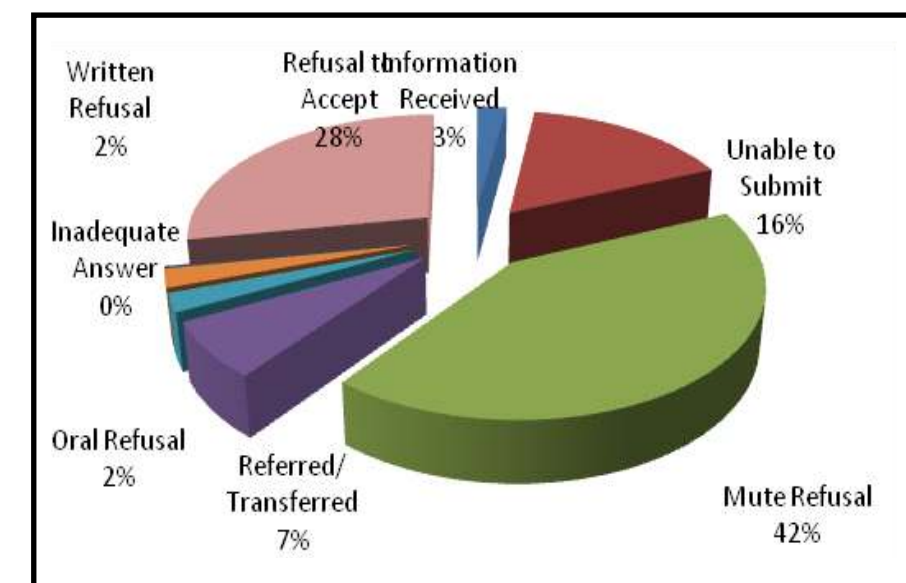
The table below shows the outcomes for the 'Routine' requests submitted in Lagos

Ser./No	Types of Outcomes	Number of response
1.	Information Received	1
2.	Unable to Submit	7
3.	Mute Refusal	18
4.	Referred/ Transferred	3
5.	Oral Refusal	1
6.	Written Refusal	1
7.	Inadequate Answer	0
8.	Refusal to Accept	12
Total Submitted		43

The chart below shows the outcomes for the 'Routine' requests submitted in Lagos



The chart below shows the percentages of the outcomes for the 'Routine' requests submitted in Lagos



IV. Responses for 'Difficult' Requests Submitted in Lagos

Requesters in Lagos submitted a total of 15 'Difficult' requests in Lagos. This number constitutes 23.43% of the total requests submitted in Lagos.

The requesters got only three different outcomes for this classification of requests.

Requesters got 11 'Mute Refusal' response for 'Difficult' requests made in Lagos; that is 73.33% of the total 'Difficult' request submitted in Lagos. They had three (3) or 20% 'Unable to Submit' outcome for the 'difficult' requests made in Lagos.

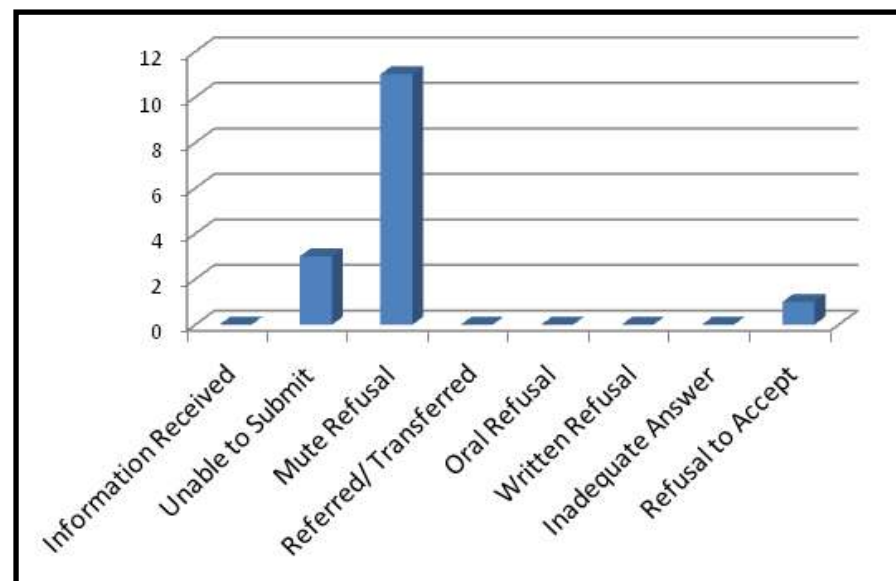
For one (1) or 6.66% of the 'Difficult' requests made in Lagos, a requester got the 'Refusal to Accept' outcome.

There were no 'Information Received', 'Referred/ Transferred', 'Oral Refusal', 'Written Refusal', or 'Inadequate Answer' outcomes received for any of the 'Difficult' requests made in Lagos.

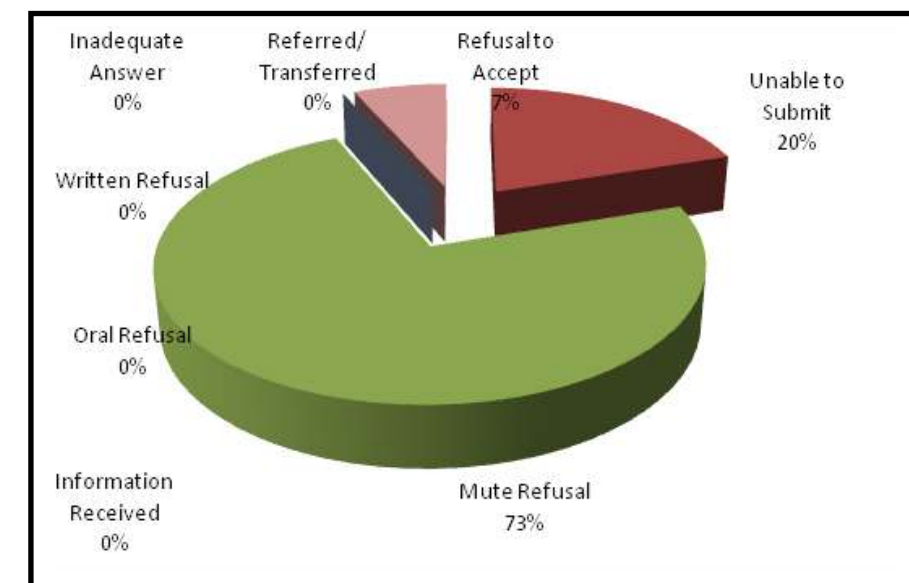
The table below shows the outcomes for the 'Difficult' requests submitted in Lagos

Ser./No.	Types of Outcomes	Number of response
1.	Information Received	0
2.	Unable to Submit	3
3.	Mute Refusal	11
4.	Referred/ Transferred	0
5.	Oral Refusal	0
6.	Written Refusal	0
7.	Inadequate Answer	0
8.	Refusal to Accept	1
Total Submitted		15

The chart below shows the outcomes for the 'Difficult' requests submitted in Lagos



The chart below shows the percentages of the outcomes for the 'Difficult' requests submitted in Lagos



V. Responses for 'Sensitive' Requests Submitted in Lagos

Requesters in Lagos submitted a total of six (6) 'Sensitive' requests in Lagos. This constitutes 9.37% of the total requests submitted in Lagos for the exercise. There were four outcomes received for these requests.

Requesters got two (2) 'Mute Refusal' outcomes for their requests; that is 33.33% of the 'Sensitive' requests submitted. They also got the 'refusal to Accept' outcomes for another two (2), that is, 33.33% of the 'Sensitive' requests made in Lagos.

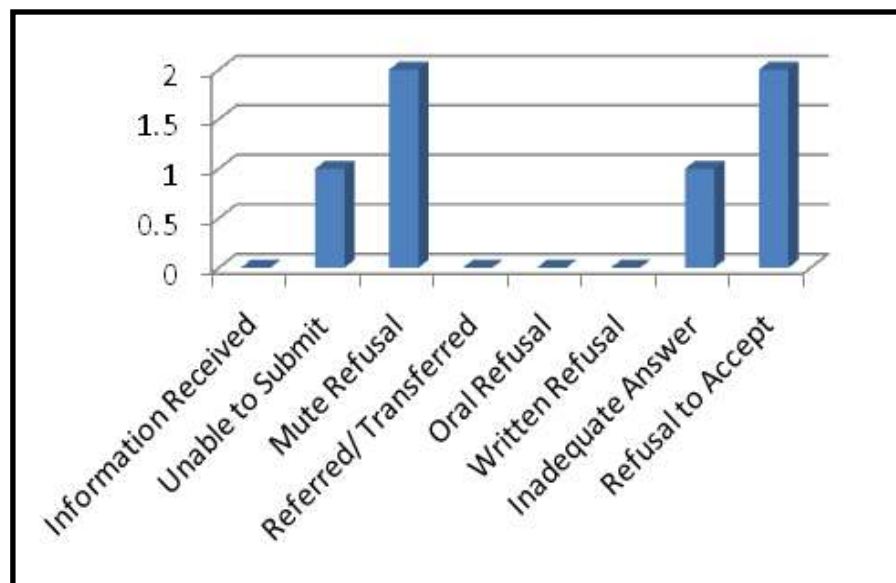
The requesters also got one (1) each or 16.66% 'Unable to Submit' and 'Inadequate Answer' outcomes for the 'Sensitive' requests made.

There were no 'Information Received', 'Referred/Transferred', 'Oral Refusal', or 'Written Refusal' outcomes for any of the 'Sensitive' requests made in Lagos.

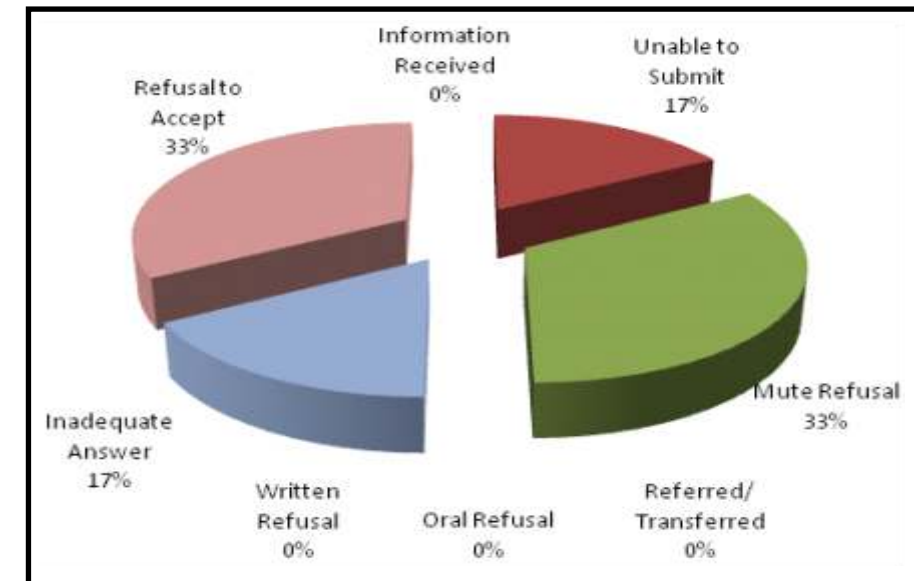
The table below shows the outcomes for the 'Sensitive' requests submitted in Lagos

Ser./No.	Types of Outcomes	Number of response
1.	Information Received	0
2.	Unable to Submit	1
3.	Mute Refusal	2
4.	Referred/ Transferred	0
5.	Oral Refusal	0
6.	Written Refusal	0
7.	Inadequate Answer	1
8.	Refusal to Accept	2
Total Submitted		6

The chart below shows the outcomes for the 'Sensitive' requests submitted in Lagos



The chart below shows the percentages of the outcomes for the 'Sensitive' requests



vi. Sectoral Submission of Requests in Lagos

Trade Unionists submitted 20 requests in the Lagos exercise, representing 31.25% of the requests submitted in Lagos.

The Online Journalist submitted 11 requests which account for 17.18% of the Lagos requests. The Youth NGO representative submitted 10 requests representing 15.62% of the requests in Lagos.

The Professional submitted nine (9) requests which account for 14.06%; the Unemployed submitted eight (8) requests which represent 12.5% while the Illiterate person submitted six (6) which account for 9.37% of the total requests submitted in Lagos.

Table showing sectoral distribution of requests submitted in Lagos

Ser. No.	Social Sector	No. of Requests Submitted
1.	Online Journalist	11
2.	Professional	9
3.	Youth NGO	10
4.	Trade Unionists	20
5.	Illiterate	6
6.	Unemployed	8
Total		64

Chart showing sectoral distribution of requests submitted in Lagos

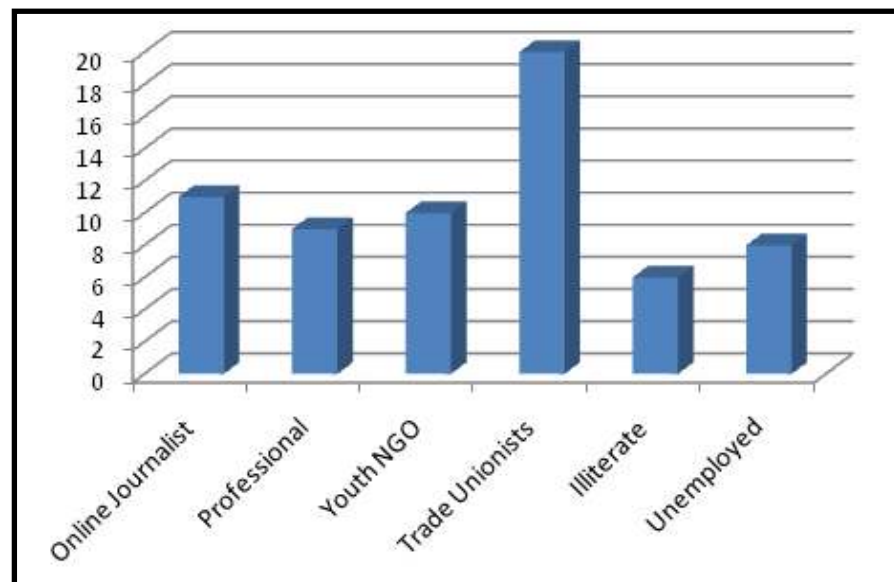
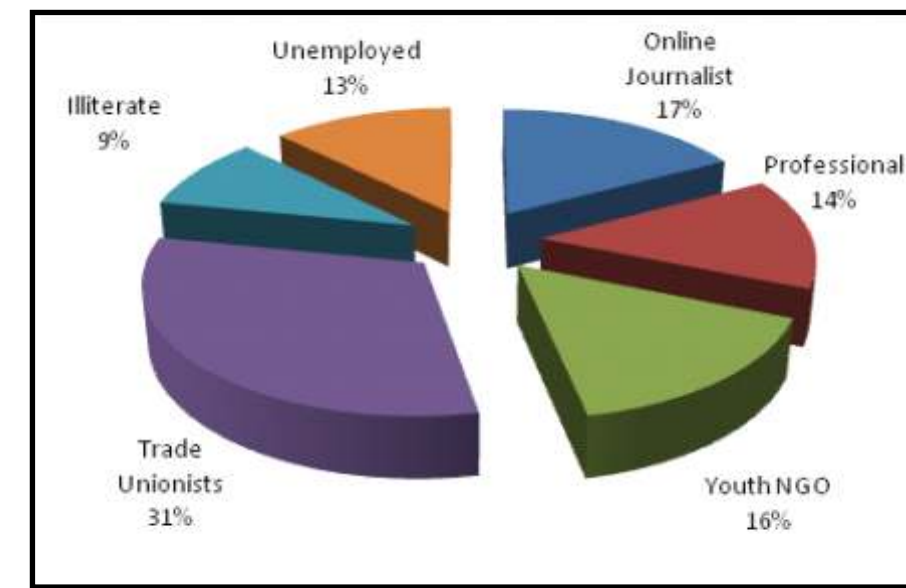


Chart showing sectoral distribution of requests submitted in Lagos



The table below shows the various responses received by requesters representing the different sectors for requests made in Lagos.

Sectors → Responses →	Online Journalist	Trade Unionist	Youth NGOs	Illite-rate	Profe - ssionals	Unem-ployed	Total
Information Received	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Inadequate Answer	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Written Refusal	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Oral Refusal	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Mute Refusal	6	6	4	5	4	6	31
Refusal to Accept	3	8	1	0	2	1	15
Unable to Submit	2	5	2	1	0	1	11
Transferred / Referred	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Total	11	20	10	6	9	8	64

Chapter 6

Observations, Challenges and Recommendations

Most of the institutions do not have a Freedom of Information Office designate or a Freedom of Information desk or unit to attend to requests for information. As a result of this, many of the requesters had difficulty submitting and following up on their requests as neither the appropriate office/unit nor the appropriate officer exists.

The seven-day time frame was widely flouted by most institutions; many of them could not provide the requested information within the stipulated time and asked for extension of time to make the information available.

There is a general lack of understanding of the Freedom of Information Act and access to information principles by public officials. In some institutions, officials were asking what was FOI Act? In addition, a number of even the designated Freedom of Information Officers have not yet been trained on the FOI Act.

Coming from a culture of secrecy, the FOI Act is a kind of 180 degree turn for them and this change seem so sudden that 'there would likely be unintended victims if the provisions and obligations of the FOI Act are followed to the letter'. The above is compounded by the existing bureaucracy existing in public service where public officials are under oath not to release or make information public unless and until they are expressly directed to do so.

There are so many cases of mute refusal, sometimes even after a request for time extension is made. Requesters are usually tossed to and fro within the institution, from one department/office to the other, they are neither given a written refusal nor are they given the information they requested for.

Analysis of the report of the exercise shows that public institutions systematically denied Nigerians access to information through 'mute refusal' of requests for information/records made under the FOI Act. The 'Mute Refusal' outcome stands out at every point: in Abuja and Lagos, for routine, difficult and sensitive requests; in the tables and the charts, and sectorally.

They also fail to give 'written refusal' as required by law to the majority of the requests for which they did not grant access.

The state of public records can best be described as 'in shambles'. Public institutions do not seem to have any systematic means of keeping and maintaining their records in a way that can facilitate the effective implementation of the Act. They have also not been trained to properly keep records for easy access.

The rate of usage of the FOI Act by civil society organisation and ordinary Nigerians is still low; it seems it is just picking up. Considering the euphoria that greeted the signing of the FOI Bill into law, the rate at which civil society is using it has not reached optimum level.

However, there is a glimmer of optimism that the government is gradually opening up for scrutiny. After the 'Mute Refusal' outcome, the second highest outcome in the exercise was 'Information Received'. It is believed that a lot of public officials are gradually coming from the closet of secrecy in which they have operated before the enactment of the law. Coming out of a culture of secrecy and high bureaucracy, it will take time and efforts to get civil servants to fully comply with the provisions of the FOI Act.

It points to the fact that public officials need to be adequately trained and understand the principles and applicability of Access to Information laws in order for them to comply with the provisions of the FOI Act. They also need to be trained on maintaining and managing records and information so as to facilitate easy and quick access to public records by both public officials and the public.

The Attorney General has published a guideline on implementing the law. This guideline has been updated and reviewed twice. Public officials, including FOI Officers designate have either not seen any of the guidelines, have not read them or do not understand them. There is also a need to include its content on trainings of public officials on implementing the law.

The Office of the Head of Service of the Federation (OHSF) needs to be engaged to work closely with the office of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice to ensure the law works effectively. Though the Attorney General has oversight responsibility over the law, the OHSF holds enormous power to issue specific directions on the implementation of the law that will be binding on all public officials. The two offices therefore need to build synergy to make the law work.

The OHSF and the Attorney General also have to come out with sanctions and reward

systems to ensure the FOI Act is effectively implemented. Without this, it will be business as usual for public officials. Civil society also needs to design innovative ways of naming and shaming public institutions which fail to comply with the law while also honouring those found to be champions of its implementation.

There is need for digitization of public records and information. With the advancement in technology, public institution can, not only digitize their records and information, but also easily put them in the public domain and make them accessible to the public. This way, they will be complying with several provisions of the FOI Act including those which saddle them with the obligation of proactively publishing and dissemination certain information; maintaining and keeping their records and information in a way that facilitates easy access.

All stakeholders have a role to play to ensure the FOI Act is effectively implemented: stakeholders on the demand and supply side as well as those on the fringes. When all hands are on deck, the law will achieve its purpose.

Appendix

1. Requests and Outcomes of the Freedom of Information Monitoring Exercise in Abuja with their Categorisations

- 1. (R) - Routine Requests
- 2. (D) - Difficult Requests
- 3. (S) - Sensitive Requests

1. Requester – Femi Azeez. Category: Business Person (Male)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	Provide me with a list of all projects financed by international institutions and managed by the CBN in 2012. The list should include the name of each donor institution, the amount provided, the type of funding and the specific project being funded. (R)	Central Bank of Nigeria(CBN)	Mute Refusal
2.	I request a copy of the current approved National Communication Policy. (R)	Nigerian Communication s Commission (NCC)	Mute Refusal
3.	Please provide me with a list of law firms and external investigators hired or paid by the Commission for services in 2010 to 2012. It should include the amount paid and description of services provided by each firm. (R)	Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)	Mute Refusal

4.	How many police officers wrongfully dismissed from service in the last ten years were recalled and how much was paid as compensation to each? (D)	Ministry of Police Affairs	Mute Refusal
5.	How much is generated from impounded vehicles and how is the money utilized (I request records/documents that shows this)? (R)	Nigeria Customs Service	Mute Refusal
6.	Kindly provide the address of all UBEC office across the country as well as the name of the state heads for UBEC offices. (R)	Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC)	Information Received
7.	Kindly provide the following: a. a list of government corporations privatized within the last five year ending 2012 including the names of the buyers and how much they paid for each. b. a list of Government institution yet to be privatized and reasons for the delay c. list of successful privatization so far carried out by the	Bureau of Public Enterprises	Mute Refusal

8.	I request copies of policy document as related to NOA responsibilities, structure, function, mandates and history. (R)	National Orientation Agency	Information Received
9.	Please provide me with the following: a. Statistics of young people infected with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria broken down by local government. b. Breakdown of measures taken by the Ministry to provide young people in the rural communities in Nigeria with information and education on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment? (D)	Ministry of Youth Development	Mute Refusal

2. Requester – Love Nduka. Category: Business Person (Female)		
Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
What was the total amount of the decrease in grants and financial donations provided by international financial institutions and other countries in 2012 compared with 2011 and what are the reasons for the decrease? (D)	Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)	Transferred
What is the total sum refunded by telecoms service providers to the public for wrong surcharges since 2010? (R)	Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC)	Mute Refusal
Provide me with the following information: a. Details of total direct foreign investment in the country since 2007 and include names of such investors and the sector that attracted more investments. b. The number of foreign firms that were interested in investing in Nigeria but were denied approval between 2009 and 2012.	Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment	Mute Refusal

<p>c. The largest financial loss reported by a foreign investor in Nigeria and what was the reason?</p> <p>d. The number of foreign companies charged with fraud and prosecuted in Nigeria. Please indicate the number of convictions since 2000.</p> <p>e. The number of foreign companies doing business in Nigeria that has been granted various forms of waivers. Please specify the nature and duration of waivers granted each company. (R)</p>			
4	How many of the Commissions' cases on fraud have been appealed to the Court of Appeal since 2000? (R)	Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC)	Mute Refusal
5.	I request the report issued after the meeting of officers from Nigeria and South Africa on the Yellow Card incident. (R)	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Mute Refusal
6.	Kindly provide the names and salaries of the heads of all departments in the commission? (R)	Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)	Mute Refusal

7.	Kindly provide the Salary of Ex. Executive Secretary of UBEC, Dr. Ahmed Mohammed Modibbo from January 2008 to May 2012 as well as his allowances. (S)	Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC)	Written Refusal
8.	I request a breakdown of the cost for all airports renovated and under renovation under Mrs. Stella Oduah. (R)	Ministry of Aviation	Mute Refusal
9.	Please provide me with the following: a. A list of all contracts awarded by your ministry in repairing the Lagos-Benin express way from 1999 to 2012. b. Cost implication for maintaining (fix and repair) the Lagos – Benin express way from 1999 to 2012. (R)	Ministry of Transportation	Mute Refusal
10.	I request the number of youth that have benefited from the youth empowerment programme annually from 2010 to 2012 years and what percentage of the youth population does this represent? (D)	Ministry of Youth Development	Mute Refusal

3. Requester – James Eustace. Category: Trade Unionist (Male)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	Please provide me with the most recent report by the CBN on the financial health of commercial banks in Nigeria. (R)	Central Bank of Nigeria	Mute Refusal
2.	Provide me with details of ships arrested for illegal oil bunkering from 2010 to date. The list should include name of each vessel, the nationality of the vessel, i.e. the country of registration and the name of the captain of each vessel. (D)	Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation	Mute Refusal
3.	How many telecommunications masts are in Nigeria broken down by states? (R)	Nigerian Communications Commission	Inadequate Answer
4.	How much each was spent on the prosecution of James Ibori, Joshua Dariye, Peter Odili and Chimaroke Nnamani? (D)	Economic and Financial Crimes Commission	Mute Refusal

5.	Please provide me with the following information: a. Number of Nigerian embassies that have been closed in the last ten years? State reasons for their closure. b. List of employees in Nigerian Embassies in USA, Britain, Canada and China. c. Financial records pertaining to the administration of the Nigerian Embassies in USA, Britain, Canada and China. (R)	Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Mute Refusal
6.	How many cases were filed against INEC between January 2011 and January 2013? How much has INEC spent on litigation fees? (R)	Independent National Electoral Commission	Mute Refusal
7.	Kindly provide research report where it was found out that over 10million children are out of school as stated by ACTING Executive Secretary, Prof. Charles Onocha, in Asaba, Delta State on May 23, 2012. (D)	Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC)	Information Received
8.	I request copies of your annual audited report for 2008, 2010 and 2012. (R)	Federal Ministry of Transportation	Mute Refusal
9.	Please provide me with a list of pensioners in the federal pay roll following the last verification exercise and the total amount paid as pension in August 2013. (R)	National Pension Commission	Mute refusal

4. Requester – Bidemi Oyekanmi. Category: Student (Female)			
S/N	Questions Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	I request the list of projects being implemented, the amount spent and/or voted for each of them, and implementing firms under the SURE-P programme since inception. (R)	Central Bank of Nigeria	Mute Refusal
2.	Provide me with details of expenditure under the Amnesty programme including the cost of allowances to ex-militants, training programmes locally and internationally and any other expense incurred by the Federal government since the inception of the programme. (R)	Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs	Mute Refusal

3.	Please provide me with the following: a. Minutes of the meeting of the most recent increase in salaries and allowances in the country. b. A monthly breakdown of income generated from each state of the Federation since the year 2000. (R)	National Salary, Wages and Income Commission	Referred
4.	I request the report on the role of the police in the Rivers state House of Assembly crisis in August 2013. (R)	Ministry of Police Affairs	Mute Refusal
5.	How many imported vehicles are impounded every year? On what basis are these vehicles impounded and how long do they remain with the Nigeria Customs? (R)	Nigeria Customs Service	Mute Refusal
6.	Kindly provide the following: a. TETUND annual finance audit report for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. b. The TETFUND in 2012 granted N9.3billion to Polytechnics and monotechnics of which 12 institutions have received funds	Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND)	Information Received
7.	How much was your internally generated revenue in the last five years? (R)	National Orientation Agency (NOA)	Inadequate Answer
8.	Please provide me with the number of corruption cases against Nigerian envoys since 1999 and how many have ended with a decision to dismiss. (S)	Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Mute Refusal

5. Requester – Dipo Onaseso. Category: Student (Male)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institution	Responses
1.	Provide me with a detailed list of all former militants who have benefitted from the Amnesty programme indicating the nature of benefits that each of them have received. (R)	Presidency (Secretary to the Government of the Federation)	Unable to submit
2.	How much was spent by state, on the purchase of inverters for the solar energy generation project of the Niger Delta ministry and how many of the inverters are still working? (R)	Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs	Mute Refusal
3.	Please provide me with a copy of the United Nation's report which indicted Nigeria for equipping her contingents to peace keeping mission with sub-standard weapons and materials and Nigeria's response to the report. (D)	Ministry of Defence	Referred

4.	How many external experts were hired by the Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation last year? (R)	Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation	Oral Refusal
5.	Provide details of recently employed members of Management and junior Staff from January 2011 to January 2013 broken down by gender, age and state of origin. (R)	Nigeria Customs Service	Unable to Submit
6.	Kindly provide details of all bursaries/scholarships given out to all universities in 2010, 2011 and 2012 (R)	Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND)	Oral Refusal
7.	Please provide details of trainings the agency has carried out on (a) staff (b) other stakeholders in 2012. This should include training topic, location of training and training cost. (D)	National Orientation Agency	Mute Refusal
8.	How much did the Ministry receive from local and international donors between 2010 and 2012? (R)	Ministry of Women Affairs	Mute Refusal

6. Requester – Ndidi Orji. Category – Independent - owned Newspaper (Female)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	Kindly provide me with information on the policy that determines the distribution of mobile phones to farmers, how much has been invested in mobile phone and the total number of farmers with mobile phones. (R)	Federal Ministry of Agriculture	Mute Refusal
2.	I request a list of all persons, including government officials and non-government officials, on the entourage of President Goodluck Jonathan during his last trip to China in July 2013 (S)	Presidency (Secretary to the Federation)	Mute Refusal
3.	What is the status of the SAT1 project, including the amount spent so far? (R)	Federal Ministry of Communication Technology	Mute Refusal
4.	Please provide the contract details for the purchase of electricity meters for the country between January 2011 and May 2013. The details should contain information on the companies that defaulted and the type of sanction applied. (D)	Federal Ministry of Power	Mute Refusal

5.	I request the names, resumes and salaries of all heads of departments. (R)	National Library	Mute Refusal
6.	Provide details of how the DMO has projected Nigeria's image as a disciplined and organized nation as regards asset and liability management since its inception in October 2000? (R)	Debt Management Office	Information Received
7.	Kindly provide current total figures and details of persons living with HIV/AIDS broken down by gender, age and location within Nigeria. (R)	National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)	Mute Refusal
8.	Please provide me with statistics of trafficked persons rescued and rehabilitated by NAPTIP in 2011 and 2012. The statistics should include their age bracket, gender and country from which they were rescued. (R)	National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP)	Mute Refusal
9.	I request a list of all persons, including government officials and non-government officials on the entourage of president Goodluck Jonathan during his last trip to China in July 2013. (S)	Ministry of Justice	Referral

7. Requester – Ifeanyi Okafor. Category – Broadcaster; Government- owned TV (Male)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	Provide me with a list of the women currently employed by the Ministry of Finance, including the position held and qualifications of each of them. (R)	Ministry of Finance	Oral Refusal
2.	Please provide me with the following information: a. The amounts voted annually for constituency projects from 1999 till date. b. The procedure for the award of contracts for the implementation of constituency projects. c. The procedure for verification of contract performance relating to constituency projects. d. The amount of unspent votes for constituency projects annually from 1999 till date. e. A list of constituency projects currently being funded for or on behalf of the present members of the National Assembly (7th National Assembly) R)	National Assembly	Refusal to Accept

3.	What is the revenue derived from the issuance of drivers' license and plate numbers in 2012? (R)	Federal Road Safety Corps	Oral Refusal
4.	What are the names of staff that entered the pension roll in the Ministry from January 2010 to August 2013? (R)	Ministry of Information	Oral Refusal
5.	Provide details of the policies and practices that the country has adopted to offset debt adequately in Nigeria? (R)	Debt Management Office of Nigeria	Information Received
6.	Kindly provide details on how many HIV testing and counseling centers does NACA operate across the country? Where are these locations? How many pregnant women received ARV treatment in 2011 and 2012? How many PMTCT Centers do you operate? Where are they located? (R)	National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)	Mute Refusal
7.	Please provide me with the statistics of the Commission's registration of births and deaths showing age brackets, state and gender. (R)	National Identity Management Commission	Referral
8.	Please provide me with the information on the quantity of fertilizer allocated by the Federal government to the ministry and the criteria employed to distribute the fertilizers to states. (R)	Ministry of Agriculture	Mute Refusal

8. Requester – Idara Ukpanyang. Category: Broadcaster; Government-Owned Radio (Female)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institution	Responses
1.	I request details of the latest advisory issued by the World Bank to Nigeria on the state of the national economy. (D)	Federal Ministry of Finance	Mute Refusal
2.	Provide me with a list of the treaties and other international instruments presented by the Federal Government to the National Assembly for domestication from May 29, 1999 to date, indicating those that have been successfully domesticated, those that are still pending and those that were rejected or otherwise defeated at the National Assembly. (D)	Federal Ministry of Justice	Inadequate Answer
3.	What percentage of residents in Abuja, Lagos and Port Harcourt are internet users? (R)	Federal Ministry of Communication Technology	Information Received
4.	How many drivers nationwide broken down by state and gender were prosecuted for reckless driving in 2012? (R)	Federal Road Safety Corp	Mute Refusal
5.	Provide details of the cost for the Minister of Information's National tour through all the 36 states (D)	Federal Ministry of Information	Information Received

6.	I request records/reports that shows how debts are been effectively managed and the positive impact such practices have on economic growth and national development. (R)	Debt Management Office of Nigeria	Information Received
7.	How much funding has NACA received for ARV drugs from the following: International donors, foreign governments, local bodies and federal government between January 2009 and January 2013? (D)	National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)	Information Received
8.	Please provide me with a breakdown of funds received by NAPTIP to carry out its functions, from the federal government and external donors in the years 2011 and 2012. (D)	National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP)	Oral Refusal
9.	I request the number of farmers in Nigeria broken down by gender and state? (R)	Federal Ministry of Agriculture	Mute Refusal

9. Requester – Fred Idehai. Category – Broadcaster; Independent TV (Male)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	I hereby request the list of companies that have been given approval to import refined petroleum products, including PMS, after the fuel subsidy probe by the National Assembly in 2012. (S)	Ministry of Finance	Refusal to Accept
2.	I hereby request a list of all Bills passed by both chambers of the National Assembly and sent to the president for assent between 1999 and 2012, including details of those where the President's veto or not assented to by the President, and those where the President's veto were overridden by two-thirds majority of the National Assembly and accordingly passed into law. (D)	National Assembly	Unable to submit
3.	I request details of the contract awarded for the building of the Digital Bridge Institute in Lagos, including any variation in the contract. (D)	Ministry of Communication Technology	Mute Refusal
4.	Please provide me with the following information: A. A list of Road Safety a.Corp staff who were subjected to disciplinary action in 2012. specify the types of offences. B. A list of staff members of the organization sent on training abroad, in which country, length of time and type of training. (R)	Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC)	Information Received

5.	I hereby request a list of the trainings scheduled for different members of staff from September 2013 to December 2013. (R)	Ministry of Information	Mute Refusal
6.	I request the asset declaration report made by President Goodluck Jonathan in 2011 and as Vice president of Nigeria under President Umaru Yar'Adua administration. (S)	Code of Conduct Bureau	Mute Refusal
7.	Please provide me with information of how much debt Nigeria has incurred since 2010 till date. (R)	Debt Management Office of Nigeria	Information Received
8.	Kindly provide me the report from the 2012 DANA air crash. (R)	Ministry of Aviation	Mute Refusal
9.	Kindly provide me with the following information: a. The statistics of the National Identity Smart Cards issued so far to Nigerian citizens detailing age bracket, gender and state. b. The cost so far to process the National Identity Smart Cards issued to Nigerian citizens. Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure. (D)	National Identity Management Commission	Mute Refusal

10. Requester – Edith Nnaji. Category – Wire Service; Government – Owned (Female)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	Provide me with a list of the President's advisers and external experts who received payment for services in 2012. The list should include the amount paid and description of services provided by each person. (R)	Presidency (Secretary to the Government of the Federation)	Unable to Submit
2.	Please provide me with the following information relating to the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act, 2011: a. A list of all the cases that have arisen under the Freedom of Information Act between June 1, 2011 and December 31, 2012. b. A list of the cases that have been disposed of by various courts around the country, including the outcome in each case. c. The total amount of penalties that have been assessed against various public institutions for wrongful denial of access to information under the Freedom of Information Act for Year 2011 and Year 2012. d. A detailed description of the efforts taken by the Federal Ministry of Justice from June 1, 2011 to date to encourage all government or public institutions to comply with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. (D)	Federal Ministry of Justice	Information Received

3.	Please provide me with the following: a. Copies of the account receivable of the Federation annually since January 2007(E) b. A list of accounting firms that received payment for services in the Office of the Accountant General since 2011. The list should include the amount paid and description of services provided by each firm. (R)	Office of the Accountant General of the Federation	Mute Refusal
4.	I request the terms of the agreement with electricity generating companies in the country between 2000 and 2012. (R)	Federal Ministry of Power	Mute Refusal
5.	Provide the blue print and budget for the proposed permanent building of the National Library? (R)	National Library	Information Received
6.	Please provide this information: a. Amount allocated to NSPMC yearly since 2000? b. What it cost to produce bank notes in year (records/document that show this is requested)? (R)	Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company	Mute Refusal

7.	Kindly provide the breakdown of the cost for carrying out the 5th National Conference on AIDS in May 2010. (R)	National Agency for the Control of AIDS (NACA)	Mute Refusal
8.	How much on the average does NAPTIP spend on each of its rescued and rehabilitated trafficked persons per year? Please give me specific breakdown of the line items that the amount covers e.g. feeding, clothing, accommodation etc. (D)	National Agency for the Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP)	Information Received
9.	I request information on the status of the implementation of the electronic wallet system, how much has been spent so far and what is the timeline for the programme? (R)	Ministry of Agriculture	Mute Refusal
10.	How many manufacturing firms did the Ministry prosecute for failing to carry out and submit their environmental impact assessment from 2008 to 2012? (R)	Federal ministry of Environment	Mute Refusal

11. Requester – Ololade Onaseso Awe. Category – NGO- Women's Group (Female)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	I request the minutes of the meeting of the Federal Executive Council held on Wednesday, June 19, 2012 at which the Council approved the resumption of payment of subsidies to oil marketers, which was suspended following the probe in the sector. (D)	Presidency (Secretary to the Government of the Federation)	Unable to Submit
2.	Provide me with the following information: a. A list of internally displaced persons broken down by age and gender of the people displaced by the insurgency in the northern part of Nigeria. b. A list of internally displaced persons broken down by age and gender of the people displaced by floods and other natural disasters. c. A list of internally displaced persons broken down by age and gender of the people displaced by cattle rustling. d. A list of refugees broken down by country that have been living in Nigeria since 2010. e. The amount spent in providing health care services for refugees and internally displaced persons in Nigeria since January 2013. f. The number of refugee camps in operation in Nigeria. (R)	National Commission for Refugees	Oral Refusal

3.	How much has been spent by the Office of the Accountant General for the new Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System IPPIS? How much has been saved as a result of the introduction of the system? (R)	Office of the Accountant General of the Federation	Oral Refusal
4.	How much has been spent in the last two years for the purchase of spares in repairing the Egbin and Ughelli thermal stations? (D)	Federal Ministry of Power	Mute Refusal
5.	What are the names of members of staff that have been retrenched between January 2008 and August 2012? (D)	National Library	Oral Refusal
6.	I request detailed record/document of the investigation and outcome of the investigation concerning the 2billion naira that went missing at NSPMC early December 2012. (S)	Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company	Mute Refusal
7.	How many businesses were granted business permits between January 2010 and December 2012 and what is the nature of the businesses? (R)	Ministry of Interior	Oral Refusal
8.	I request for a breakdown down of the commissions annual revenue generation from January 2008 to August 2013. (R)	Corporate Affairs Commission	Mute Refusal
9.	I request information pertaining to the Commission's recommended remuneration package for members of the Senate, House of Representatives and Ministers. (R)	Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission	Mute Refusal

12. Requester – David Orji. Category – Professional Person (Male)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	Provide me with the minutes of the meeting of the Bank's officials where the decision to suspend the printing of the N5000 bank notes was taken. (D)	Central Bank of Nigeria	Mute Refusal
2.	Provide me with a detailed list of all former militants who have benefitted from the Amnesty programme indicating the nature of benefits that each of them have received. (R)	Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs	Mute Refusal
3.	Please provide me with the following: a. The Commission's policy for fixing salaries and wages. b. Details of salaries of directors and managers of all companies with federal government participation. (D)	National Salary, Wages and Income Commission	Mute Refusal
4.	Please provide the following: a. The transformation policy of the Nigeria Police. b. The number of cases and the outcome of each of disciplinary measure taken against police officers for extortion in 2012. (S)	Ministry of Police Affairs	Mute Refusal

5.	I request documents that show how impounded vehicles are disposed and terms of disposal. (R)	Nigeria Customs Service	Inadequate Answer
6.	Kindly provide the number and addresses of all ALMAJIRI schools in Nigeria (R)	Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC)	Mute Refusal
7.	Kindly provide the salaries and travel allowances (local and international for the following persons): Minister of Interior, Perm Sec, Director PRS, Director HR, Director Finance, Director Citizen and business, Director Paramilitary services, Director Procurement (R)	Ministry of Interior	Mute Refusal
8.	How many contracts has your agency awarded in the last five years? Please give details of these contracts i.e. nature of contract, name of contractor and budget for each contract (D)	National Orientation Agency	Mute Refusal
9.	I kindly request the budget for youth development since 2010 till date. (R)	Ministry of Youth Development	Mute Refusal

13. Requester - Adams Eloyi. Category – NGO Youth (Male)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	Provide me with details of expenditure under the Amnesty programme including the cost of allowances to ex-militants, training programmes locally and internationally and any other expenses incurred by the Federal government since the inception of the programme. (D)	Presidency (Secretary to the Government of the Federation)	Mute Refusal
2.	Provide me with details and nature of employment created by the Niger Delta Ministry since 2007 by state, gender and qualification. (R)	Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs	Mute Refusal
3.	How many female employees broken down by states are employed in the Office of the Surveyor General of the Federation? (R)	Office of the Surveyor General of the federation	Mute Refusal
4.	How many weapons, broken down by type, have been received from militants in the Niger Delta and from insurgents in the North since 2009 and how many of these have been destroyed? (S)	Ministry of Defence	Mute Refusal

5.	Provide details on how much the ministry spends on free health care in Abuja from 2011 January to 2013 January. (R)	Ministry of Health	Mute Refusal
6.	I request the following: a. List and addresses of all NHRC FOI offices across the country?(R) b. A copy of the NHRC report on BAGA. (D)	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)	Information Received
7.	I request the annual budget for the commission covering the last five years. (R)	Independent Corrupt Practice Commission (ICPC)	Information Received
8.	I hereby request the following information: a. A list of all private and public primary schools in the Federal Capital Territory. b. The data on out-of-school children in Nigeria as well as the measures taken by the Ministry to reduce this number by the year 2015. c. The number of schools that have been established for Almajiris in Nigeria. d. The amount that has been spent for the establishment of schools for Almajiris since the inception of the initiative. E. The number of Almajiris that have benefitted from this initiative (R)	Ministry of Education	Mute Refusal

9.	Kindly release the following information: a. The salaries for the Minister of Aviation, the Permanent Secretary and all Directors at the ministry. b. Breakdown of estacode received by the Minister and Permanent Secretary on foreign trips outside Africa from June 2011 to June 2013. Kindly provide the resume for Mrs. Stella Oduah and the Permanent Secretary. (D)	Ministry of Aviation	Mute Refusal
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14. Requester - Atiku Sarki. Category: Newspaper; Government-owned (Male)			
S/N	Questions Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	I request the minutes of the meeting of the Federal Executive Council held on Wednesday, June 19, 2012 at which the Council approved the resumption of payment of subsidies to oil marketers, which was suspended following the probe in the sector. (D)	Presidency (Office of the Secretary General of the Federation)	Mute Refusal
2.	Provide me with the following information: a. A list of internally displaced persons broken down by age and gender of the people displaced by the insurgency in the northern part of Nigeria. b. A list of internally displaced persons broken down by age and gender of the people displaced by floods and other natural disasters. c. A list of internally displaced persons broken down by age and gender of the people displaced by cattle rustling. d. A list of refugees broken down by country that have been living in Nigeria since 2010. e. The amount spent in providing health care services for refugees and internally displaced persons in Nigeria since January 2013. f. The number of refugee camps in operation in Nigeria. (R)	National Commission for Refugees	Mute Refusal

3.	How much has been spent by the Office of the Accountant General for the new Integrated Personnel and Payroll Information System IPPIS? How much has been saved as a result of the introduction of the system? (R)	Office of the Accountant General of the Federation	Mute Refusal
4.	How much has been spent in the last two years for the purchase of spares in repairing the Egbin and Ughelli thermal stations? (D)	Federal Ministry of Power	Referral
5.	What are the names of members of staff that have been retrenched between January 2008 and August 2012? (D)	National Library	Oral Refusal
6.	I request detailed record/document of the investigation and outcome of the investigation concerning the 2billion naira that went missing at NSPMC early December 2012. (S)	Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Company	Mute Refusal
7.	How many businesses were granted business permits between January 2010 and December 2012 and what is the nature of the businesses? (R)	Ministry of Interior	Mute Refusal
8.	I request for a breakdown down of the commissions annual revenue generation from January 2008 to August 2013 (R)	Corporate Affairs Commission	Mute Refusal
9.	I request information pertaining to the Commission's recommended remuneration package for members of the Senate, House of Representatives and Ministers. (R)	Revenue Mobilization Allocation and Fiscal Commission	Information Received

15. Requester - Paul Danladi. Category: Physically Challenged (Male)			
S/N	Questions Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	What is the total sum of revenue derived from the sale of licenses for the 3G network in Nigeria and how many companies paid this amount? Please indicate the amount paid by each company. (R)	Nigerian Communications Commission	Unable to Submit
2.	I need the information on internal regulations of the Supreme Court relating to public disclosure of information of the Supreme Court's decision and minutes of meetings. (D)	Supreme Court	Unable to Submit
3.	What is the budget for the year 2013 and how much has been spent so far on the activities of the Ministry? (R)	Ministry of Women Affairs	Mute Refusal
4.	How much did INEC spend on training NYSC officials during the last election? Provide the breakdown by state.	Independent National Electoral Commission	Inadequate Information
5.	Kindly provide a report on the achievements made within the ministry under Mrs. Diezani Allison Madueke tenure.(R)	Ministry of Transportation	Unable to Submit
6.	What is the total number of people participating in the contributory pension scheme? (R)	National Pension Commission	Inadequate Information

2. Requests and Outcomes of the Freedom of Information Monitoring Exercise in Lagos with their Categorisations

1. Requester - Mosunmola Apena. Category: Illiterate (Female)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	How many sensitization programmes for other public institutions has DMO carried out to encourage prudence as a tool to reduce debt? (R)	Debt Management Office	Mute Refusal
2.	Kindly provide the names and salary structure of all heads of all employees in the agency. (R)	Lagos State Residents Registration Agency	Mute Refusal
3.	How much did LAWMA generate as internal revenue in 2013? (R)	Lagos State Waste Management Authority	Mute Refusal

4.	<p>Provide me with the following information:</p> <p>a. The number of homes for the destitute and the infirm that have been established and are being maintained by the local government council to date. Please provide me with details of the name, location and capacity of each such home on the list, as well as the annual cost of maintaining each of the homes.</p> <p>b. A list of all the projects carried out by the local government council during the year 2013. Please provide for each item on the list information on the name of the project, the type of project, where the project was done, what period work or activities on the project covered, and the cost of the project</p> <p>c. A list of road projects carried out by the local government since the inception of the current administration. Please provide for each item on the list information on the name of the road, the location, the length of the road, the nature of work done, the start date and the completion or proposed completion date for the project and the cost. (D)</p>	Local Government Councils (Kosofe Local Government)	Mute Refusal
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5.	Please provide details on how much the commission spends on free health care in a year. (R)	Lagos State Health Service Commission	Unable to Submit
6.	I kindly request the following: a. How many data capture machines does INEC have in Lagos State? How many of these are currently being used and how many are redundant? b. How much did INEC ask from the federal government to conduct the forthcoming Ekiti State gubernatorial election, how much has the government released and how much is outstanding? c. How much has INEC expended in sending its staff overseas for training since the assumption of office of Prof. Attahiru Jega? (D)	Independent National Electoral Commission	Mute Refusal

2. Requester - Chioma Nnoke. Category - Unemployed (Female)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	Please provide me with the audit report of public institutions in Lagos State for 2011. (R)	Office of the State Auditor General	Mute Refusal
2.	How much was allocated to LASRRA in the 2013 budget to carry out its operations? (R)	Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA)	Mute Refusal
3.	How many companies were penalized for tax evasion from 2010 – 2013? Please provide me with the list and their offences. (D)	Lagos State Internal Revenue Services (LIRS)	Mute Refusal
4.	Please provide me with the copies of the environmental impact assessment conducted by your task force in 2013. (R)	Lagos State Task Force on Environment & Special Offences	Mute Refusal
5.	Please provide me with: a. A list of road projects carried out by the local government since the inception of the current administration. Please provide for each item on the list information on the name of the road, the location, the length of the road, the nature of work done, the start date and the completion or proposed completion date for the project and the cost. b. The annual budget for the Local Government for each year from 2007 to 2013. (D)	Ojodu Local Council Development Area	Mute Refusal
6.	How much is the leave allowance for management staff within the commission? (R)	Lagos State Health Service Commission	Unable to Submit
7.	Kindly provide a breakdown of women currently employed by the Ministry of Finance by academic. (R)	Lagos State Ministry of Finance	Refusal to Accept

8.	<p>Please provide me with the following:</p> <p>a. A copy each of the audited accounts, done by INEC of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) Congress for Political Change (CPC), and All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) for the year ended December 31, 2012.</p> <p>b. A copy of the rules and regulations, which INEC designed, in accordance with one of its statutory functions to govern the political parties.</p> <p>c. The number of people who registered to vote in Lagos state for the 2011 elections?</p> <p>d. What month will the 2015 elections hold? (S)</p>	Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)	Mute Refusal
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3. Requester - Gbolahan Raji. Category: Professional; Journalist (male)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	In terms of achievement, how has the practices of DMO contributed to the economic growth of Lagos State?(R)	Office of the State Auditor General	Mute Refusal
2.	How much was generated from fines and penalty for traffic offences in 2013? (R)	Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA)	Refusal to Accept
3.	How many LAGBUS drivers were sacked in 2013 for flouting the rules and regulations of the agency? Please provide their specific offences and the numbers who committed each of them.(R)	LAGBUS Asset Management Limited	Mute Refusal
4.	I request the breakdown of the amount spent on court cases from 2011 to 2013 by the agency. (R)	Office of the Public Defender	Unable to Submit

5.	Kindly provide the actual amount spent on maintaining equipments annually from 2007 to date. (D)	Lagos State Fire Services	Mute Refusal
6.	Provide with me information on the current staff strength of the local government council and the total amount paid by the Council monthly to all its staff and officials. (R)	Local Government Councils (Ikeja Local Government)	Mute Refusal
7.	Please provide me with the list of funds allocated to projects in this ministry in 2011-2013. Please provide the project title, the amount spent and a brief description of the purpose of the project. (D)	Lagos State Ministry of Housing	Unable to Submit
8.	Provide a list of accidents that occurred and numbers of casualties in 2013. (R)	Lagos State Accident and Emergency Centre	Mute Refusal
9.	I request a list of all private and public primary schools in Lagos State. (R)	Lagos State Ministry Education	Mute Refusal
10.	Kindly provide current total figures and details of persons living with HIV/AIDs broken down by gender, age and location in Lagos State. (R)	Lagos State HIV/AIDs Control Agency	Refusal to Accept
11.	How much funding did the Board receive to provide street lights from Lagos State Government in 2013? (R)	Lagos State Electricity Board	Refusal to Accept

4. Requester - Adenike Idowu. Category: Trade Unionist			
S/N		Public Institutions	Responses
1.	How much debt has Lagos Sate incurred since 2010 till date? Please provide the list of persons and or institution to which the State is indebted and how much each is owed. (S)	Debt Management Office	Refusal to Accept
2.	Provide me contract details for the purchase of biometric machine for LASRRA registration in 2013. It should include the numbers, costs and types of machines and computers purchased for the exercise. (D)	Lagos State Residents Registration Agency	Mute Refusal
3.	How many drivers were prosecuted for flouting traffic laws in the State in 2013? Please provide details of the various offences and the numbers of off enders as well as dates. (R)	Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA)	Refusal to Accept

4.	I request the following information: a. How many companies were arrested and prosecuted for flouting environmental law in 2012 and 2013? b. How much was generated from fines and penalties since 2010 till date? c. How many manufacturing firms did this Task Force prosecute for failing to carry out and submit their environmental impact assessment in the last five years? Please provide me with a list of their names. (R)	Lagos State Task force on Environment & Special Offences	Mute Refusal
5.	Provide me with the following information: a. The annual budget for the Local Government for each year from 2007 to 2013. b. Please provide me with a list of all the projects carried out by the local government council during the year 2013. a. Please provide for each item on the list information on the name of the project, the type of project, where the project was done, what period work or activities on the project covered, and the cost of the project c. Provide me with information on the current staff strength of the local government council and the total amount paid by the Council monthly to all its staff and officials. (D)	Local Government Councils (Agege Local Government)	Refusal to Accept

6.	How many staffs have been recruited from 2011 till date? Please provide a breakdown of all staff showing the number, departments, state of origin and gender. (R)	Lagos State Accident and Emergency Centre	Refusal to Accept
7.	How much is the severance pay for junior staff? (R)	Lagos State Health Service Commission	Refusal to Accept
8.	a. How much did INEC spend in defending itself as a result of electoral disputes that went to courts arising from the 2011 elections? Please provide the names of the lawyers to INEC and how much each was paid. b. How many INEC staff, substantive and ad hoc were victims of electoral violence in the 2011 general elections? How much did the Commission pay to them or their families as compensation? (S)	Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)	Refusal to Accept

5. Requester - Omowunmi Oke. Category: NGO- Youth (female)			
S/N		Public Institutions	Responses
1.	Kindly provide me with a breakdown of the cost for carrying out awareness and sensitization programme for the Lagos State Residents Registration in 2013. (R)	Lagos State Residents Registration Agency	Mute Refusal
2.	What is the mode of recruitment into the services and how often are recruitments done within the service? (R)	Lagos State Internal Revenue Services	Oral Refusal
3.	How many personnel have been trained since 2009 till date and how much did it cost to do the trainings? Please break down the cost by year. (R)	Lagos State Fire Services	Mute Refusal
4.	Provide me with the following information: a. The number of homes for the destitute and the infirm that have been established and are being maintained by the local government council to date. Please provide me with details of the name, location and capacity of each such home on the list, as well as the annual cost of maintaining each of the homes. b. Provide me with copies of the detailed annual expenditure for the local government council for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. (D)	Local Government Council (Ojodu Local Council Development Area)	Mute Refusal

5.	How much of the budget allocation to the ministry was unspent last year, kindly provide me documents to support claims? (R)	Lagos State Ministry of Housing	Refusal to Accept
6.	Please provide a comprehensive list of achievements of the agency since inception till date. (R)	Lagos State Accident and Emergency Centre	Referral
7.	How much is Lagos State paying, through your ministry, for WAEC/NECO examinations yearly? (R)	Lagos State Ministry of Education	Mute Refusal
8.	What are the names of the contractors who have built hospitals across the state on behalf of the commission from January 2010 to August 2013? What is the status of each of these hospitals? (S)	Lagos State Health Service Commission	Unable to Submit
9.	Kindly provide details on how many HIV testing and counseling centers the agency operates across state? (R)	Lagos State HIV/AIDS Control Agency	Referral
10.	Kindly provide the following information: a. What is the cost or average cost of each a.data capture machine? How many of these were purchased from local manufacturers and how many from foreign manufacturers? b. How much has INEC spent in printing the permanent voter cards? How much more does it plan to spend on the project? How much of this amount was paid to local contractors and how much was paid to foreign contractors? (R)	Independent National Electoral Commission	Unable to Submit

6. Requester - Gbenga Adesina. Category: Trade Unionist (male)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	I request a list of auditing firms which received payment for services from the Office of the Accountant General of Lagos state between January 2011 and December 2012. It should include the amount paid and description of services provided by each firm. (R)	Office of the State Auditor General	Refusal to Accept
2.	What are the requirements for recruitment within the agency and how many officers were recruited in 2012 and 2013? (R)	Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA)	Unable to Submit
3.	Please provide me information pertaining to the agency's recommended remuneration package for Lagos State Commissioners and how compliance is ensured. (R)	Lagos State Internal Revenue Services	Mute Refusal

4.	I request a detailed health policy plan the agency has for its workers indicating the companies that provide these services. (R)	LAGBUS Asset Management Limited	Mute Refusal
5.	Please provide me with the following information: How many court cases were handled by the office of the public defender in 2013? Please provide a breakdown of the cases in their different sub-heads and how many cases are pending in the courts? (D)	Office of the Public Defender	Unable to Submit
6.	How many personnel were recruited broken down by sex and academic qualification between 2011 and 2013? (D)	Lagos State Fire Services	Mute Refusal
7.	How many people were arrested and prosecuted in 2013 for causing environmental pollution? (R)	Lagos State Waste Management Authority	Unable to Submit
8.	Please provide me with a list of road projects carried out by the local government since the inception of the current administration. Please provide for each item on the list information on the name of the road, the location, the length of the road, the nature of work done, the start date and the completion or proposed completion date for the project and the cost. (D)	Local Government Council (Ifako Local government)	Mute Refusal

9.	What are the criteria for allocating tenement rate to residents in Lagos State? (R)	Lagos State Ministry of Housing	Referral
10.	How much funding did the Board receive to provide street lights from Lagos State Government in 2013? (R)	Lagos State Electricity Board	Unable to Submit
11.	How much was Lagos State total debt in 2013? (R)	Lagos State Ministry of Finance	Refusal to Accept
12.	<p>1. How much resource did INEC receive from local and international development partners in the years 2012 and 2013? Please provide me with details of these resources showing the names of the partners, what they gave (in cash or in kind) and on what date.</p> <p>2. How much did the commission expend on traditional media for its communication activities for the November 11, 2013 Anambra gubernatorial election? Please provide a breakdown of the different sub-heads. (D)</p>	Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)	Unable to Submit

7. Requester - Damilola Adeleye. Category: Nigerian Bar Association-NBA (female)			
S/N	Requests Submitted	Public Institutions	Responses
1.	What effective measures has Lagos State in collaboration with DMO taken to offset debt in Lagos State? (R)	Debt Management Office (DMO)	Refusal to Accept
2.	<p>Please provide me with a list of all Lagos State residents' registration centers, this should include:</p> <p>a. The address of each centre;</p> <p>b. The name of the officer in charge of each centre;</p> <p>c. Official phone numbers of the officers. (R)</p>	Lagos State Residents Registration Agency	Information Received
3.	Please provide me with statistics or details of the accruals into and disbursement of revenue from the Lagos State Account in the year 2012. (R)	Lagos State Internal Revenue Services	Written Refusal

4.	Please provide me with a list of lawyers or external experts who received payment for services in 2013. It should include the amount paid and description of services provided by each person. (R)	Office of the Public Defender	Mute Refusal
5.	Provide me with copies of the detailed annual expenditure for the local government council for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. (D)	Local Government Council (Shomolu Local government)	Mute Refusal
6.	Please provide the record that shows the amount paid by the ministry as bursaries to tertiary students yearly, broken down by local government. (R)	Lagos State Ministry of Education	Refusal to Accept
7.	How much funding has the agency received for ARV drugs from the state government; International donors, foreign governments, Local bodies and federal government in the last two years? Please provide a breakdown showing the amounts and the agency that provided it as well as date. (D)	Lagos State HIV/AIDS Control Agency	Mute Refusal

8.	I request a breakdown of the total amount received by State Government from World Bank 2013 and how the State government utilized the funds? (S)	Lagos State Ministry of Finance	Inadequate Answer
9.	<p>1. Please provide reports of INEC's findings of its monitoring of the campaign finances of President Goodluck Jonathan, Governor Raji Fashola of Lagos State, Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan of Delta State, and Senator David Mark.</p> <p>2. How much has INEC spent in training its substantive and ad-hoc staff, preparatory to the forthcoming Ekiti State gubernatorial election and how much more does it plan to spend for training before the conduct of the election.</p> <p>3. I will like to request a breakdown of the N92.9b budget for the 2015 elections including voter's registration, public awareness campaigns and Election Day activities. This information should be broken down in a tabular format with specific figures listed next to specific activities. (S)</p>	Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC)	Mute Refusal