

Freedom of Information Request Reference: VTS 04-20-225

Dear

We are now able to provide a response to your request for information clearances of non-domestic rating appeals. Where you say 'heard', we have taken this to mean determined by the panel and where the parties have been issued with a full, reasoned decision.

The first three answers are based on data this financial year to date, ie 1 April 2016 to 31 December 2016.

The data on the remaining questions relate to all appeals made against that list to date, that were 'heard' (Over 9,430). Please note that these answers are not precise and cannot be totally accurate. This is because when an application for reinstatement is successful, a new appeal number is issued by the VOA, so these figures will include a number of appeals that have been listed more than once for a decision but are only counted once with each appeal number.

In all cases below, the figures relate to appeals against the 2010 rating list

Average number cases allocated to a hearing	Between 1/4/16 and 31/12/17, the average was 297
Whether there is a maximum cap	No. The number is determined by the amount of business that it is estimated the list will generate for the parties and the VTE panel. Between 1/4/16 and 31/12/17, the range was 1 appeal to 1299 appeals.
Average number of cases heard per hearing	Between 1/4/16 and 31/12/17, the average was 3
Proportion of cases heard at their first hearing	50%
Proportion of cases heard at their second hearing	24%
Proportion of cases heard at their third hearing	11%
Proportion of cases heard at their fourth hearing	5%
Proportion of cases heard at their fifth or subsequent hearing	10%

If you have any complaint about the way we have dealt with your request you may apply for an internal review. Please write, quoting the reference number above and giving your reasons, to:

Senior Information Risk Owner
Chief Executive's Office
Valuation Tribunal Service
2nd Floor
120 Leaman Street
London E1 8EU.

He will investigate and respond within 20 working days of receipt of your complaint. If you remain dissatisfied you have a right to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner. We will give you further information with the response.

Regards
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