

FOI Request (received 18 January 2023) - Reference: DFI/2023-0026

I would like to obtain statistical details of subsistence approvals in Dfl Rivers Western Division, including the: 1) number approved; 2) requester grades; & 3) approving officer grades.

Response (issued 15 February 2023)

I refer to your correspondence of 18th January 2023 requesting under the Freedom of Information Act details of subsistence claim approvals in Dfl Rivers (previously known as Rivers Agency) Western Region from 20 May 2021 to present, to include the number of approvals, grades of applicants and grades of approving officers.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Department holds some information relating to your request. The number of approved subsistence claims by grade of staff in Dfl Rivers Western Region from 20th May 2021 to 31st December 2022 are provided in the table below.

Approved Subsistence Claims in Dfl Rivers Western Region from 20th May 2021 to 31st December 2022.	
Grade of Applicant	Number
Industrial 1 (AA analogous)	7
Industrial 2 (AO analogous)	3
Higher TG (EO2 analogous)	1
PTO/EO1	10
HPTO/Lands Officer (SO analogous)	33
SPTO (DP analogous)	3
Total: -	57

The Department does not hold the grade of the approving officer for each claim. However, staff subsistence claims in Dfl Rivers Western Region for:

- Industrial staff and non-industrial staff up to PTO / EO1 are approved at HPTO / Staff Officer grade or above.
- HPTO / Lands Officers are approved at SPTO grade or above; and
- Staff Officer and SPTO claims are approved at PPTO grade or above.

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