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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

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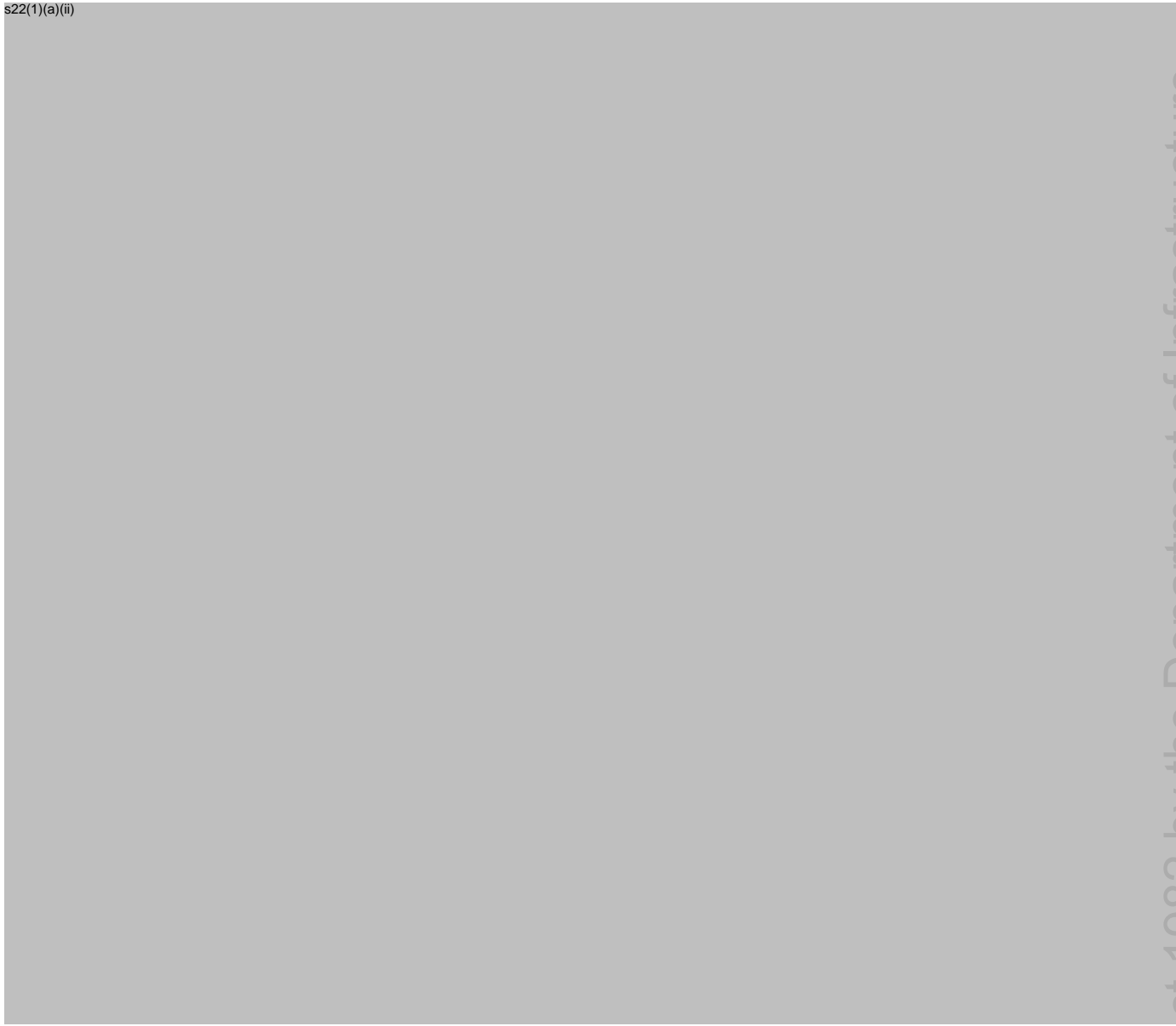


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5. The department seeks to:

- a. ensure that it is complying with its statutory obligations under the FOI Act, and demonstrate a deep commitment to continuous improvement in the FOI space – for example, with Executive support, the department is close to finalising a new suite of FOI resources and templates that will:
 - i. ensure legislative compliance while also supporting those involved in the process (especially FOI decision-makers) appreciate their obligations, roles and responsibilities;
and

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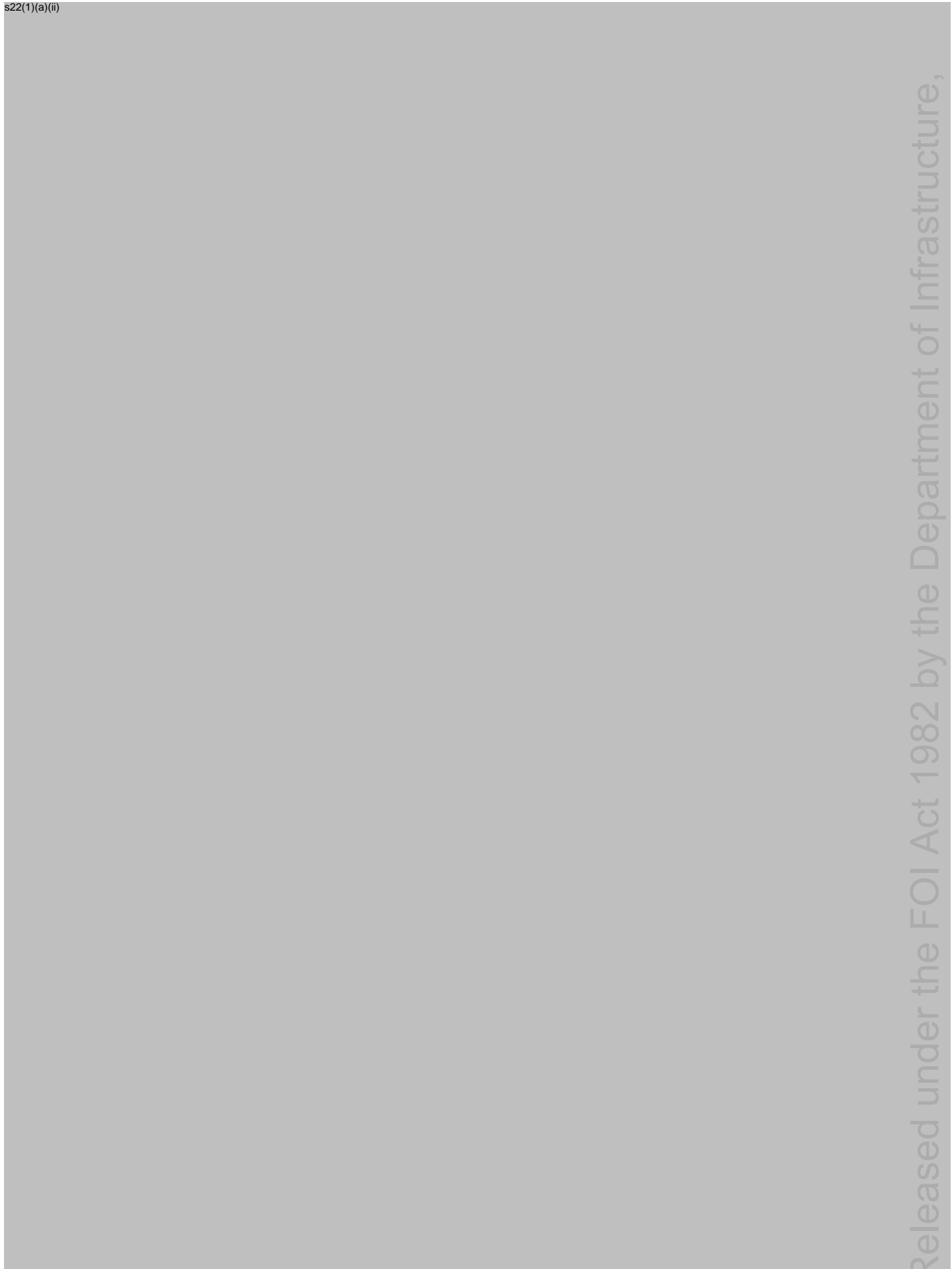


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FOI Act compliance

13. The department strives to discharge its obligations under the FOI Act with care and diligence. This includes ensuring that decisions on access requests are made consistently (and not capriciously), within mandated timeframes, and that the process of decision-making strictly follows FOI Act requirements - that includes consideration of relevant public interest factors in determining whether material is conditionally exempt and following the guidance provided in the FOI Guidelines.
14. The Department’s compliance with statutory timeframes has increased steadily over the past 3 years, with our current statutory compliance rate at **98.4%**.

Timeframes of decisions issued (excluding requests transferred or withdrawn):	FY21-22	FY22-23	FY23-24 (YTD) (to 31 Mar 24)
Statutory compliance rate:	77%	86.5%	98.4%
Decisions issued within statutory timeframes:	139	141	188
Decisions issued outside statutory timeframes:			
• <30 days outside statutory timeframes	19	19	1
• 31-60 days outside statutory timeframes	16	1	2
• 61-90 days outside statutory timeframes	7	1	0
• >90 days outside statutory timeframes	0	1	0
Total decisions outside statutory timeframes:	42	22	3
Total decisions issued	181	163	191

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