

# Planning Services Performance

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# Planning Services Performance

- This presentation sets out performance information provided on a quarterly basis to the Strategic Planning Committee in line with the Council's constitution
- It includes information on the volume of work received by each of the area teams and the waste and minerals team and reports the information published nationally on a quarterly basis on the meeting of the national targets.
- The data in the presentation, extracted from Appendices 1 & 2 documents, includes the position as at the end of Q1 of 2024/25

# Introduction to Planning Services Performance

The presentation will cover the following:

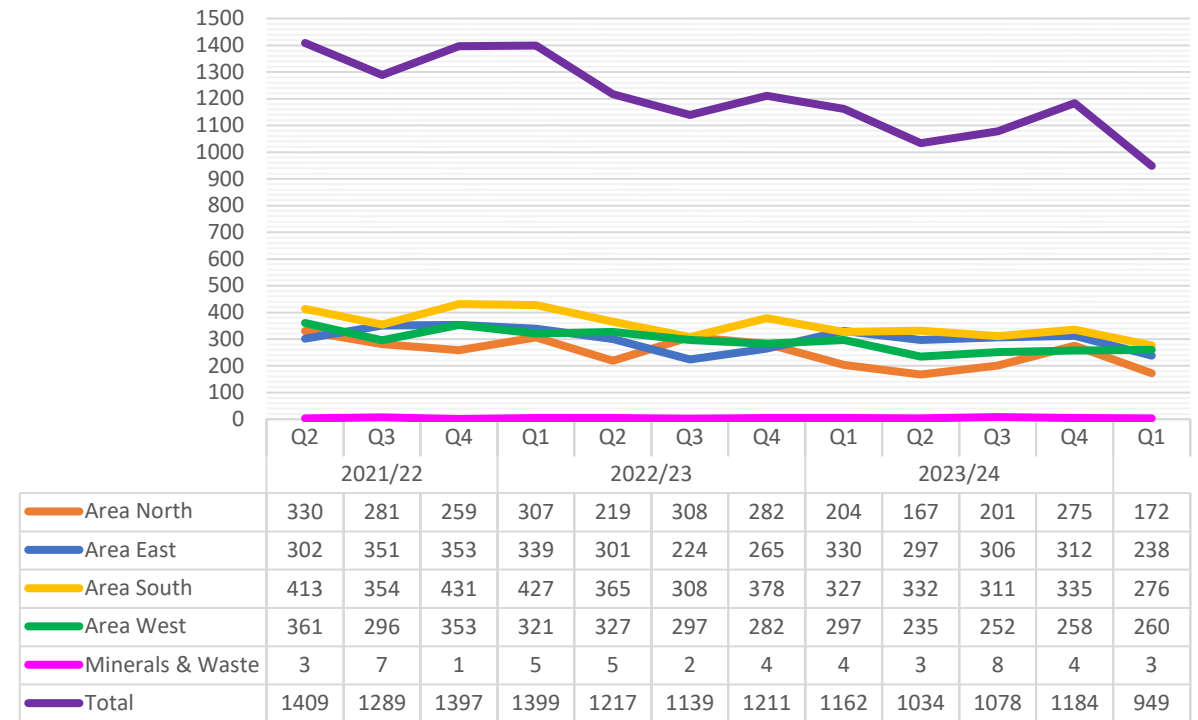
- ✓ Planning applications received by Somerset Council by area from 2020/21 to Q1 of 2024/25;
- ✓ Major, minor and other applications determined within the national targets for Q1 of 2024/25;
- ✓ Pre-application enquiries;
- ✓ Appeal decisions;
- ✓ Enforcement cases on hand and resolved/closed;

# Number of planning applications received by Somerset Council by area from 2020/21 to Q1 of 2024/25

## All Areas

	2021/22					2022/23					2023/24					2024/25
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total	Q1
Area North	278	330	281	259	1148	307	219	308	282	1116	204	167	210	275	847	172
Area East	388	302	351	353	1394	339	301	224	265	1129	330	297	306	312	1245	238
Area South	482	413	354	431	1680	427	365	308	378	1478	327	332	311	335	1305	276
Area West	431	361	296	353	1441	321	327	297	282	1227	297	235	252	258	1042	260
Minerals & Waste	11	3	7	1	22	5	5	2	4	16	4	3	8	4	19	3

No. of applications received by quarter (all Areas)



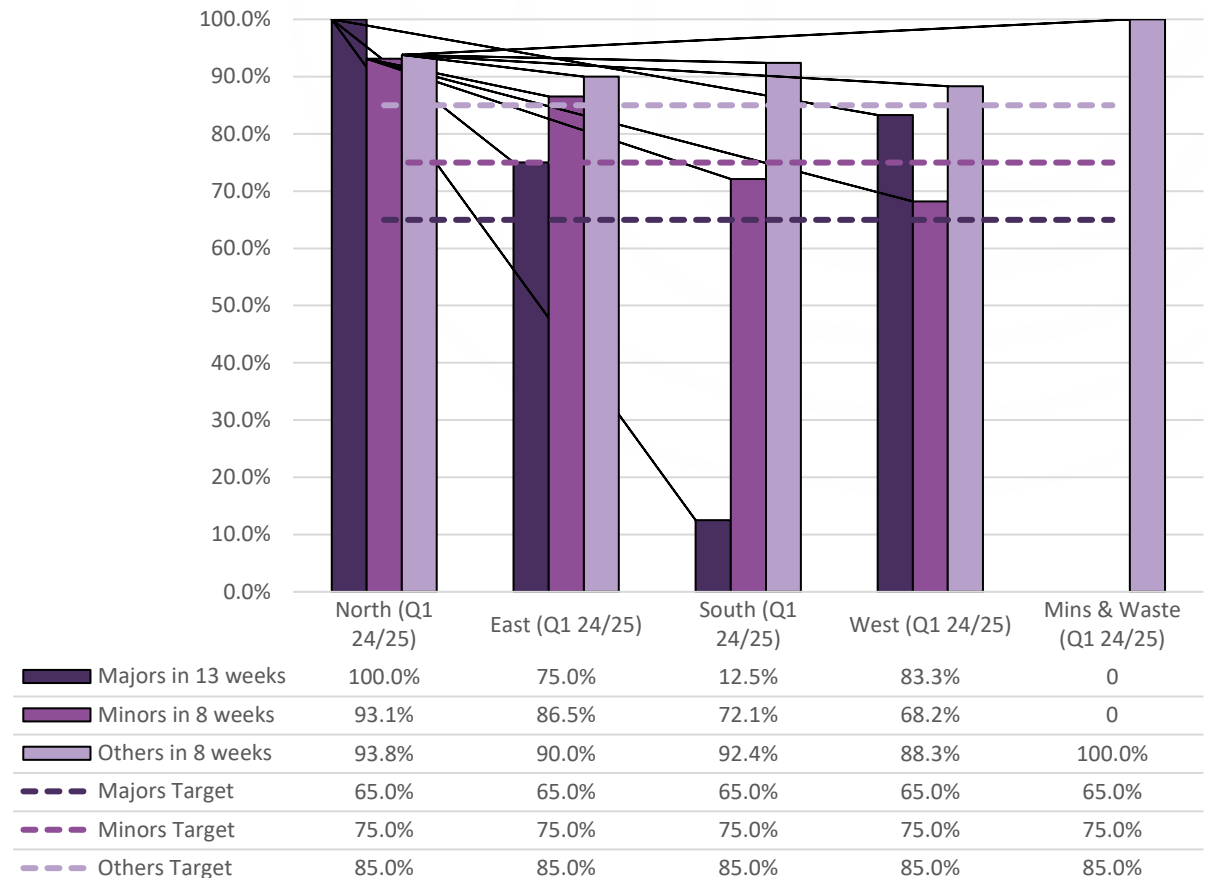
# Major, minor and other applications determined within the national targets for Q1 of 2024/25

## All Areas

The performance of local authorities in determining applications is measured nationally and reported quarterly via statistical returns to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The Government has set targets for the determination of planning applications as follows:

- Determine 65% of major applications within 13 weeks (or 16 weeks in the case of EIA development);
- Determine 75% of minor applications within eight weeks;
- Determine 85% of other applications within eight weeks

The diagram shows the performance for the last published quarter i.e., Q4 of 2023/24.



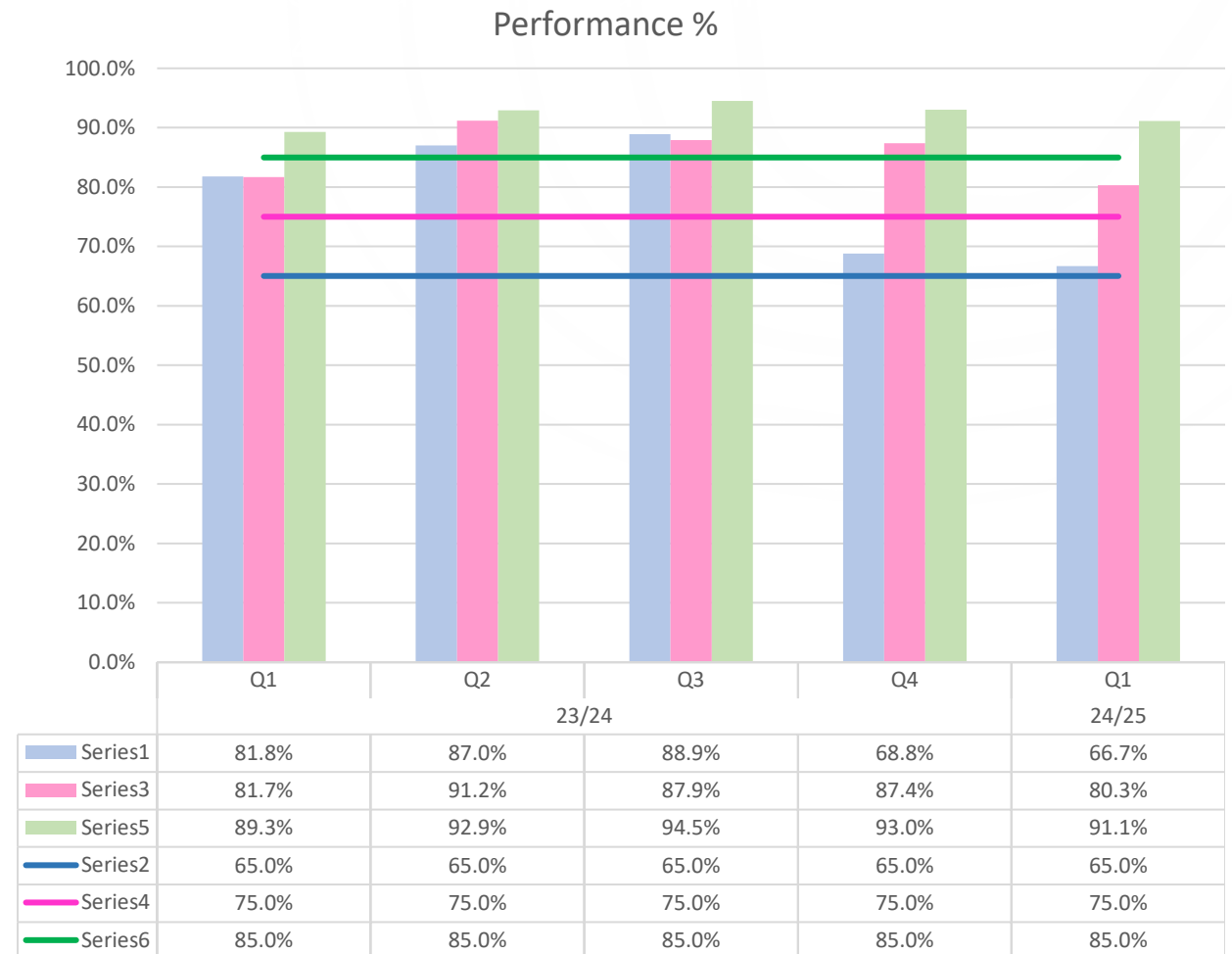
# Unitary Authority Major, minor and other applications determined within the national targets for Q1 of 2024/25

## All Areas

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The diagram shows the performance for the whole Unitary Authority last published quarter i.e., Q1 of 2024/25.



# Two year rolling figures

## Minerals & Waste and All Areas

- The two-year rolling figures for percentage of decisions determined within the national target or agreed time.
- The Somerset wide figure is for 2023/24 (previously legacy Authorities to make up 4 Quarters).
- The threshold for designation by government is 50% on major applications & 70% of minor or other applications ‘in time’ over this period.

Majors Determined	Two year rolling figure: 24 months to the end of March 24
England	92.2
Somerset Minerals and Waste	87.5

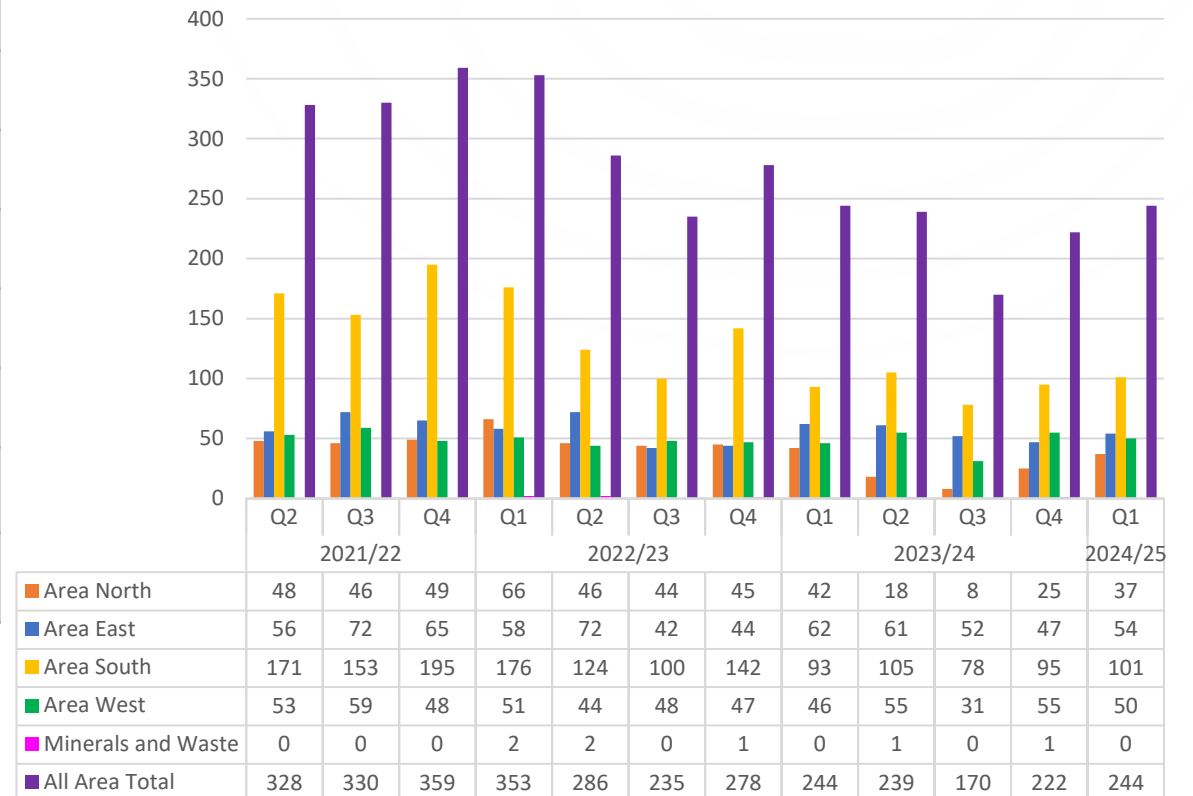
All Areas rolling annual % vs. rolling annual % for England for 24 months to end of March 2024	Major decisions (% within 13 weeks or within agreed time)	Minor decisions (% within 8 weeks or within agreed time)
<b>England</b>	88.3	87.5
Somerset (Starting April 23)	81.6	90.6
Area East (Mendip – Historic only to end March 23)	88.6	87.5
Area North (Sedgemoor – Historic only to end March 23)	100.0	96.6
Area West (Somerset West and Taunton – Historic only to end March 23)	77.4	78.8
Area South (South Somerset – Historic only to end March 23)	84.1	86.9

# Pre-applications enquiries

## All Areas

	2021/22			2022/23				2023/24				2024/25
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Area North	48	46	49	66	46	44	45	42	18	8	25	37
Area East	56	72	65	58	72	42	44	62	61	52	47	54
Area South	171	153	195	176	124	100	142	93	105	78	95	101
Area West	53	59	48	51	44	48	47	46	55	31	55	50
Minerals and Waste	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2
All Area Total	328	330	359	353	286	235	278	244	239	170	222	244

No. of pre-application enquires received and validated by quarter for all Areas



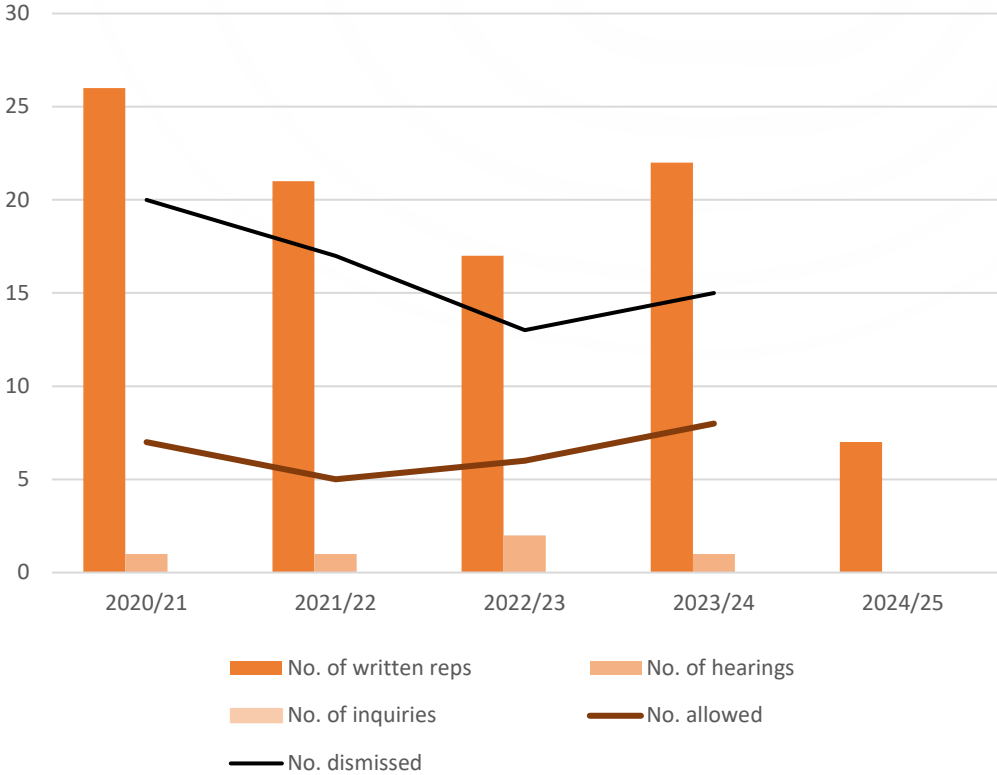


# Appeal decisions

## Area North

	No. of written reps	No. of hearings	No. of inquiries	No. dismissed	% dismissed	No. allowed	% allowed	Total decisions
2020/21	26	1	0	20	74.07%	7	25.93%	<b>27</b>
2021/22	21	1	0	17	77.27%	5	22.73%	<b>22</b>
2022/23	17	2	0	13	68.42%	6	31.58%	<b>19</b>
2023/24	22	1	0	15	65.22%	8	34.78%	<b>23</b>
2024/25	7	0	0	6	85.71%	1	14.29%	<b>7</b>

No. of appeal decisions received by quarter and percentage of appeal decisions overturned (Area North)

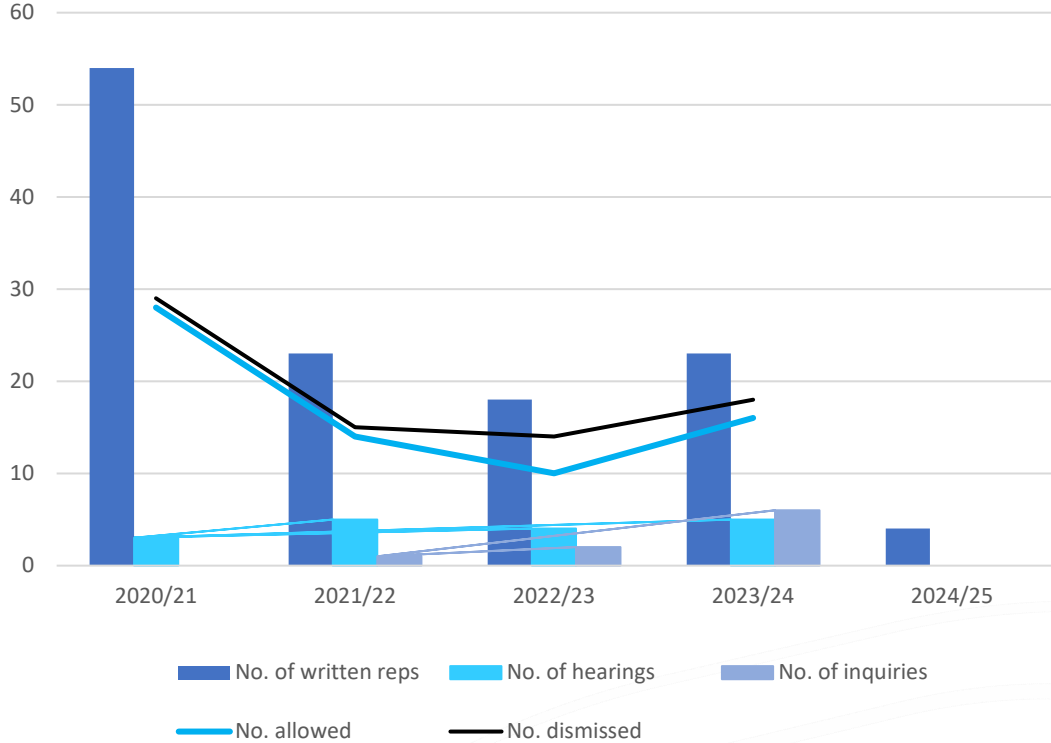


# Appeal decisions

## Area East

	No. of written reps	No. of hearings	No. of inquiries	No. dismissed	% dismissed	No. allowed	% allowed	Total decisions
<b>2020/21</b>	54	3	0	29	50.88%	28	49.12%	<b>57</b>
<b>2021/22</b>	23	5	1	15	51.72%	14	48.28%	<b>29</b>
<b>2022/23</b>	18	4	2	14	58.33%	10	41.66%	<b>24</b>
<b>2023/24</b>	23	5	6	18	52.94%	16	47.06%	<b>34</b>
<b>2024/25</b>	4	0	0	3	75.00%	1	25.00%	<b>4</b>

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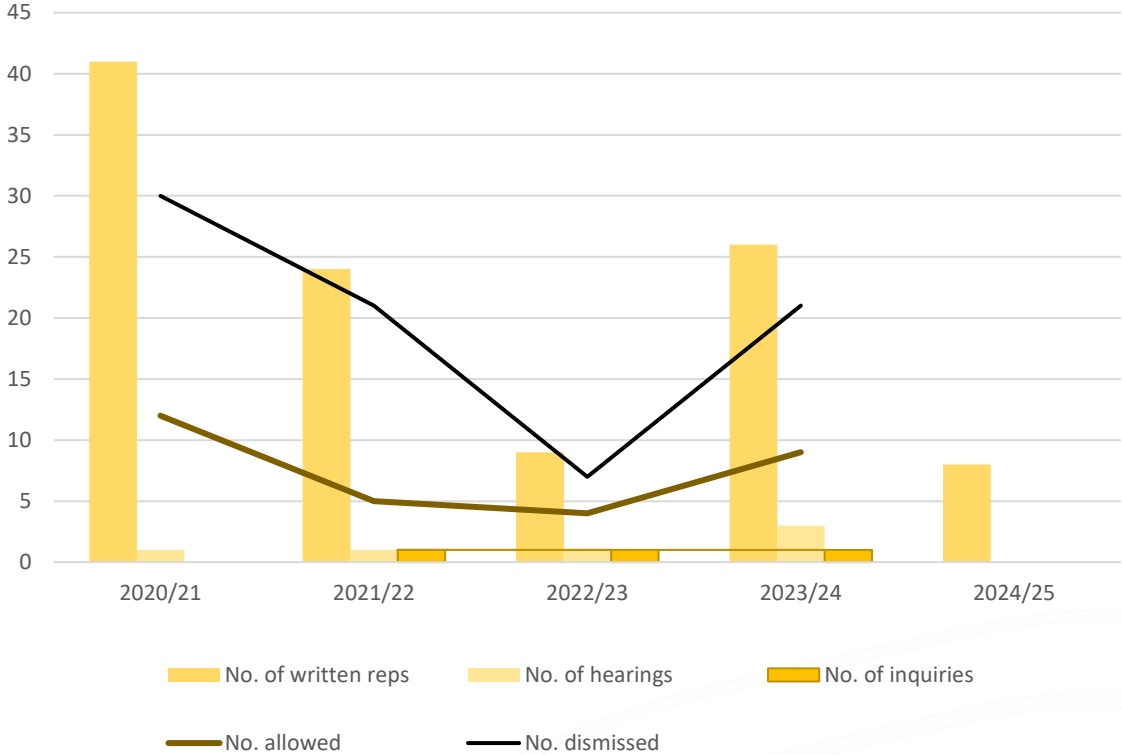


# Appeal decisions

## Area South

	No. of written reps	No. of hearings	No. of inquiries	No. dismissed	% dismissed	No. allowed	% allowed	Total decisions
<b>2020/21</b>	41	1	0	30	71.43%	12	28.57%	<b>42</b>
<b>2021/22</b>	24	1	1	21	80.77%	5	19.23%	<b>26</b>
<b>2022/23</b>	9	1	1	7	63.64%	4	36.36%	<b>11</b>
<b>2023/24</b>	26	3	1	21	70.00%	9	30.00%	<b>30</b>
<b>2024/25</b>	8	0	0	3	37.50%	5	62.50%	<b>8</b>

No. of appeal decisions received by quarter and percentage of appeal decisions overturned (Area South)

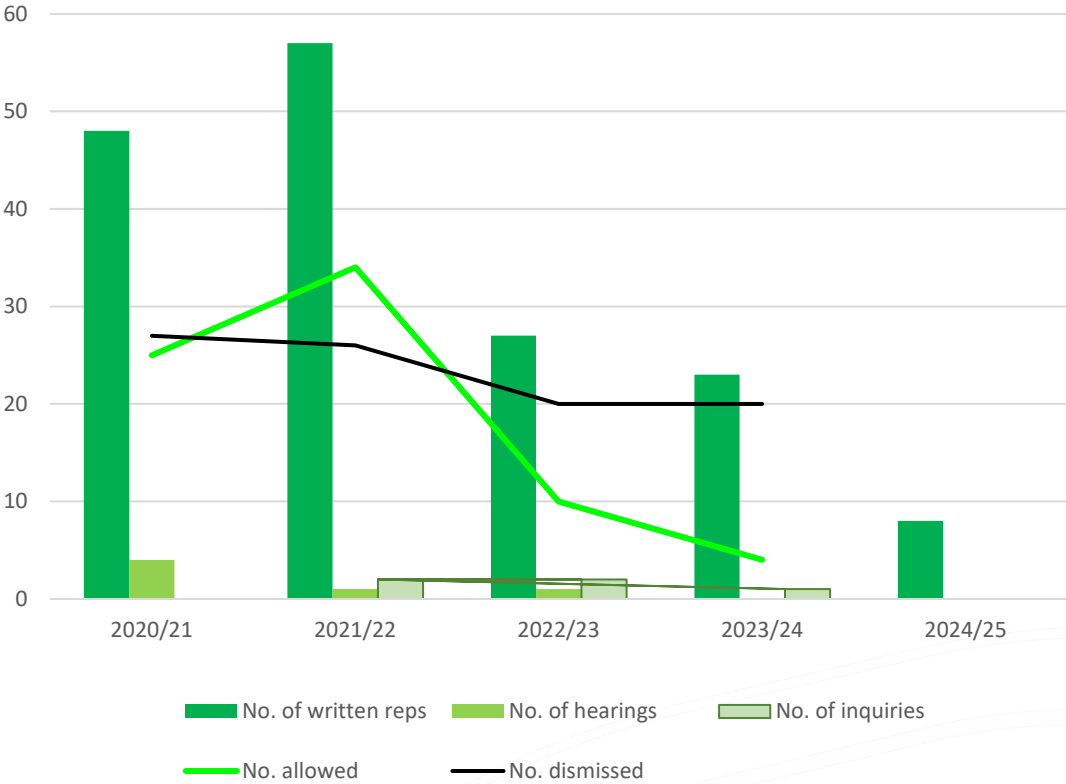


# Appeal decisions

## Area West

	No. of written reps	No. of hearings	No. of inquiries	No. dismissed	% dismissed	No. allowed	% allowed	Total decisions
2020/21	48	4	0	27	51.92%	25	48.08%	<b>52</b>
2021/22	57	1	2	26	43.33%	34	56.67%	<b>60</b>
2022/23	27	1	2	20	66.67%	10	33.33%	<b>30</b>
2023/24	23	0	1	20	83.33%	4	14.29%	<b>24</b>
2024/25	8	0	0	2	25.00%	6	75.00%	<b>8</b>

No. of appeal decisions received by quarter and percentage of appeal decisions overturned (Area West)

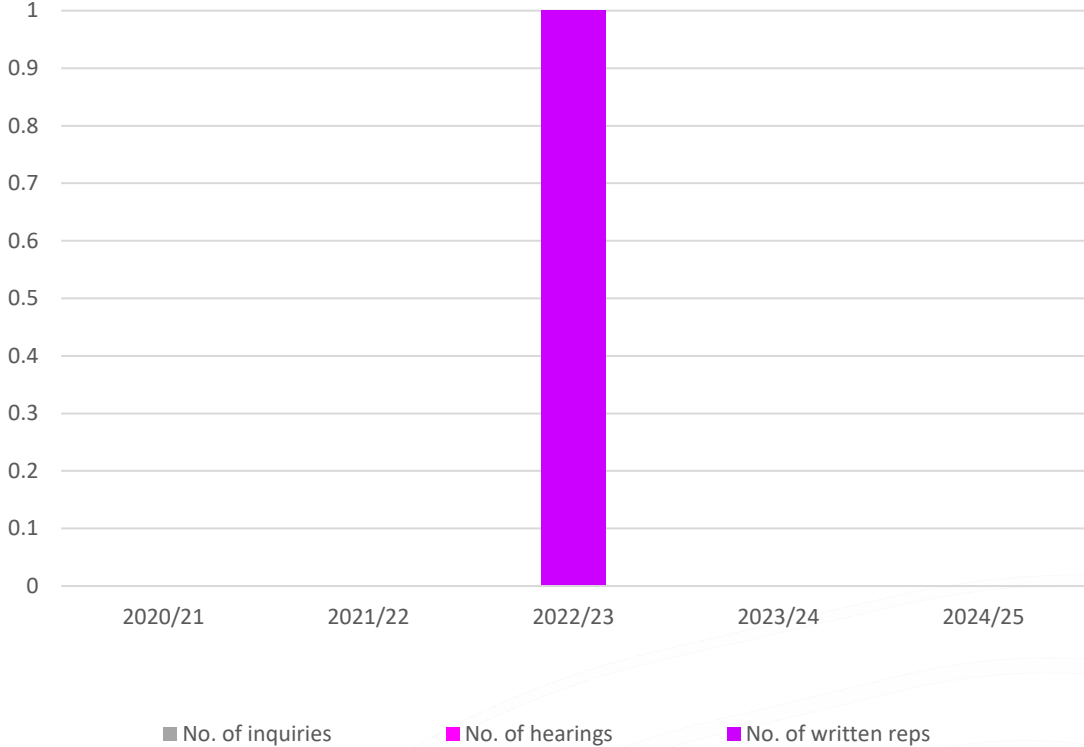


# Appeal decisions

## Minerals & Waste

	No. of written reps	No. of hearings	No. of inquiries	No. dismissed	% dismissed	No. allowed	% allowed	Total Decisions
2020/21	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
2021/22	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
2022/23	1	0	0	1	100.00%	0	0.00%	1
2023/24	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
2024/25	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0

No. of appeal decisions received by quarter and percentage of appeal decisions overturned (Minerals & Waste)

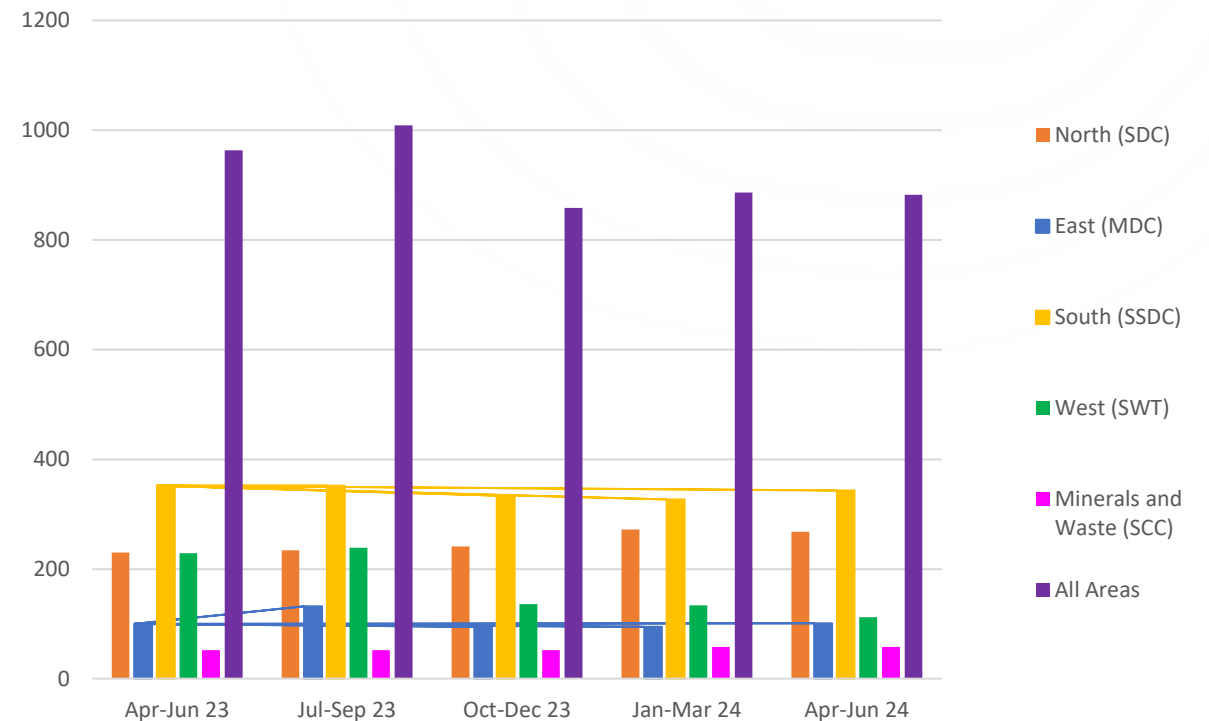


# Enforcement cases as of 30 June 2024

## All Areas

	30 Jun 23	30 Sep 23	31 Dec 23	31 Mar 24	30 Jun 24
Area North	230	234	241	272	268
Area East	100	132	95	95	101
Area South	352	352	334	327	343
Area West	229	239	136	134	112
Minerals and Waste	52	52	52	58	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>882</b>

No. of enforcement investigations on hand at end of the quarter

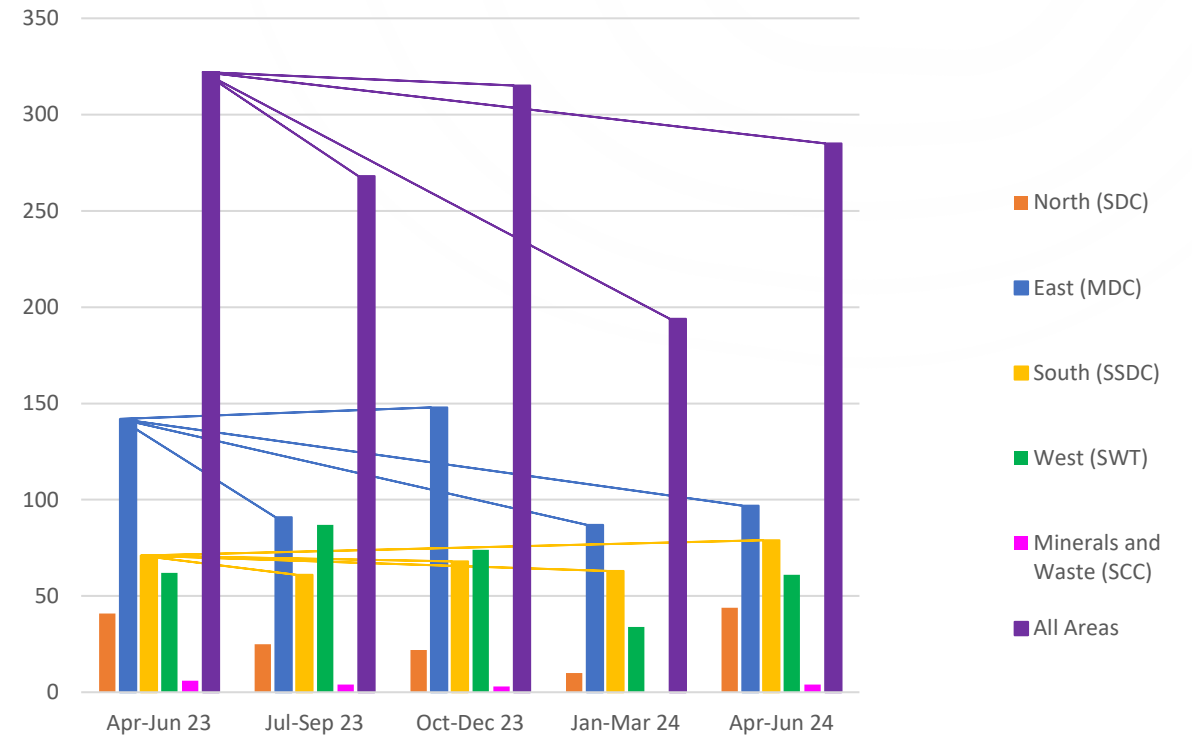


# Enforcement cases resolved/closed

## All Areas

	Apr-Jun 23	Jul-Sep 23	Oct-Dec 23	Jan-Mar 24	Apr-Jun 24
Area North	41	25	22	10	44
Area East	142	91	148	87	97
Area South	71	61	68	63	79
Area West	62	87	74	34	61
Minerals & Waste	6	4	3	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>285</b>

No. of enforcement investigations resolved/closed during each quarter





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