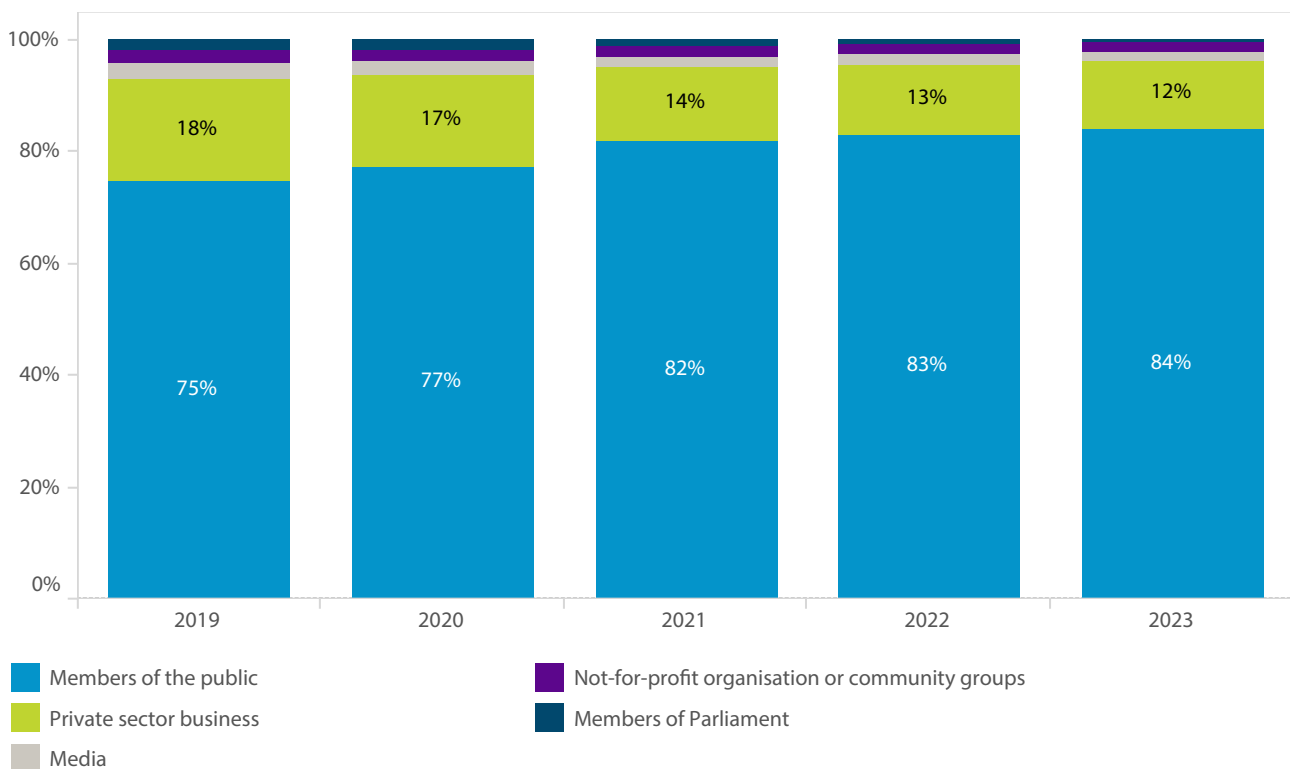


Who applied?

Application outcomes for members of the public remain highest

In 2022/23, 84% of all outcomes were related to applications from either a member of the public or their legal representative. This is consistent with the 83% reported in 2021/22. Within this group, the largest single applicant type at 48% was members of the public represented legally. In 2021/22, legally represented members of the public accounted for 44% of the total outcomes of applications.

Figure 13: Trend in the proportion of outcomes, by type of applicant, 2018/19 to 2022/23



What is an outcome?

The GIPA regime provides for a number of possible outcomes in relation to a formal access application.

These are reported as:

- access granted in full – where the applicant receives all information applied for
- access granted in part – where the applicant receives some of the information applied for
- other outcomes - this refers to a range of possible outcomes: access refused in full; information not held; information already available; refuse to deal with application; refuse to confirm or deny whether information is held; or application withdrawn.

There was a moderate increase in outcomes for members of the public and a significant decline in outcomes for Members of Parliament

In 2022/23 (as in all years), the greatest number of outcomes was for applications by members of the public, which increased moderately by 9% compared with 2021/22, from 19,758 in 2021/22 to 21,556 in 2022/23 (Figure 14).

Outcomes for legally represented members of the public (48%) was consistent with the 44% recorded in 2021/22.

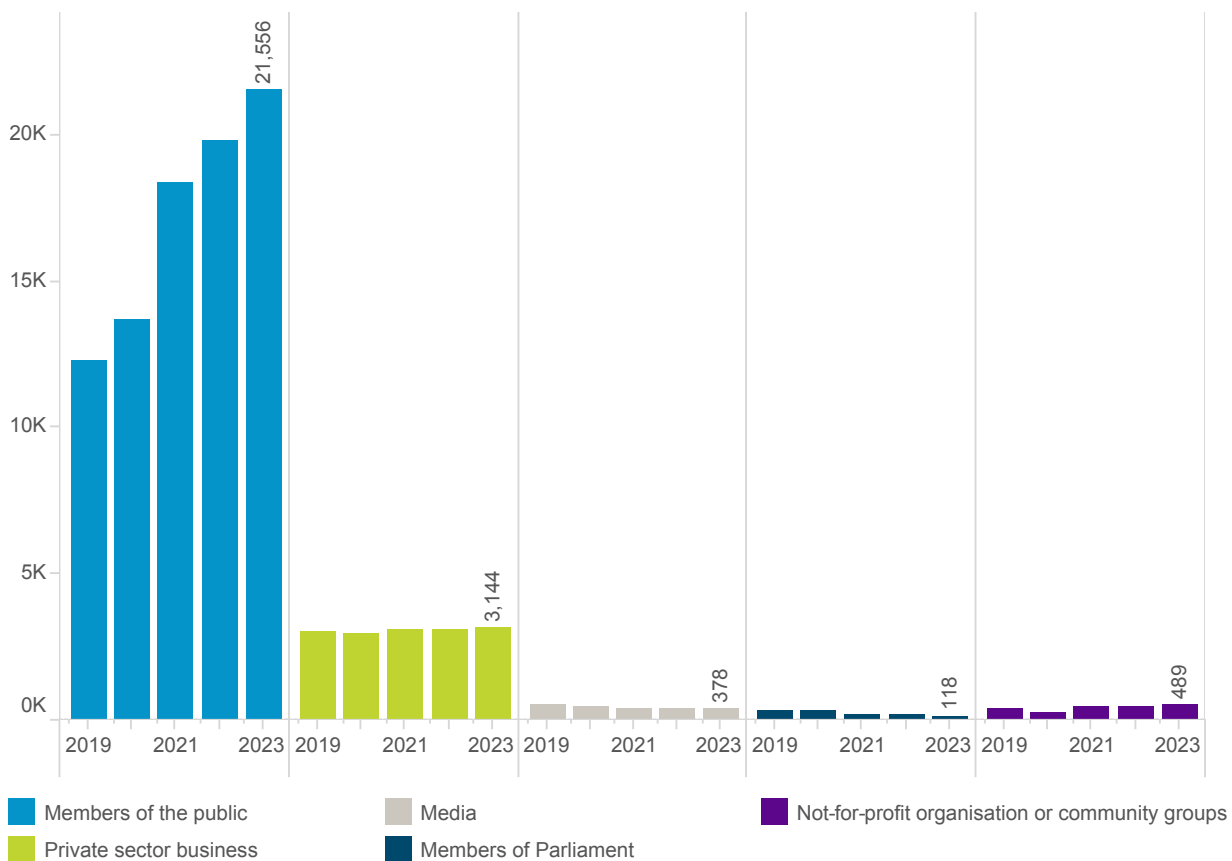
The number of outcomes for Members of Parliament significantly declined by 40%, from 198 in 2021/22 to 118 in 2022/23.

The number of outcomes for not-for-profit organisations or community groups increased significantly by 19% from the previous year, 412 in 2021/22 compared with 489 in 2022/23, following a 49% increase in 2020/21.

The number of outcomes for media remained consistent with the previous year, 375 in 2021/22 compared with 378 in 2022/23 following an 18% decline in 2020/21.

The number of outcomes for private sector businesses remained consistent with the previous year, with 3,053 in 2021/22 compared to 3,144 in 2022/23.

Figure 14: Number of outcomes by type of applicant, 2018/19 to 2022/23



'Who applied?' is reported and measured by the requirement for agencies to report on the number of outcomes for applications by type of applicant. As an application can have multiple outcomes, the total number of outcomes reported in this section will usually be higher than the number of applications reported. This section draws on data from Table A of Schedule 2 to the GIPA Regulation.

Overall there were moderate changes to outcomes by applicant type, across sectors

Similar to 2021/22, in 2022/23 the distribution of applicant types varied markedly across sectors (Figure 15).

Notable changes by sector this reporting year were:

- In the Council sector, outcomes for the members of the public declined from 80% in 2021/22 to 74% in 2022/23 and outcomes for Private Sector Businesses increased from 18% in 2021/22 to 23% in 2022/23.
- In the University sector, outcomes for the members of the public increased from 72% in 2021/22 to 77% in 2022/23 and outcomes for Media declined from 20% in 2021/22 to 15% in 2022/23.

- In the Minister sector, there were no outcomes reported for 2022/23. As previously noted, this lack of reporting is attributable to changes following the State general election in March 2023.
- In the State-Owned Corporations sector, outcomes for Private Sector Businesses declined from 18% in 2021/22 to 12% in 2022/23 and outcomes for Not-for-Profit Organisations and Community Groups increased from 4% in 2021/22 to 9% in 2022/23.

Figure 15: Percentage of outcomes by sector and type of applicant, 2022/23

