

Did applicants get what they asked for?

Overall 'release rates' trending downwards

In 2022/23, the overall release rate was 64%, representing the combined access granted in full and in part outcomes (Figure 19). This is a moderate decline from the 70% rate reported in 2021/22.

Compared to 2021/22, release rates for 2022/23 were mostly consistent across all sectors except for a significant decline in the Minister sector due to the State general election on 25 March 2023. As a result, this Report cannot provide analysis on the Minister sector with comparison to previous years.

At the sector level (Figure 20), in 2022/23, the State-Owned Corporations sector had the highest overall release rate of 86%, consistent with the 86% reported in 2021/22, although the rates of full and partial release reversed.

For the Council sector, 79% of outcomes granted access in full and in part in 2022/23. This is consistent with the 80% reported in 2021/22.

For the Government sector, 60% of outcomes resulted in access being granted in full and in part in 2022/23. This is a moderate decline from the 68% reported in 2021/22.

For the University sector, 63% of outcomes resulted in access being granted in full and in part in 2022/23. This is consistent with the 64% reported in 2021/22.

Figure 19: Overall release rate across all sectors, 2018/19 to 2022/23

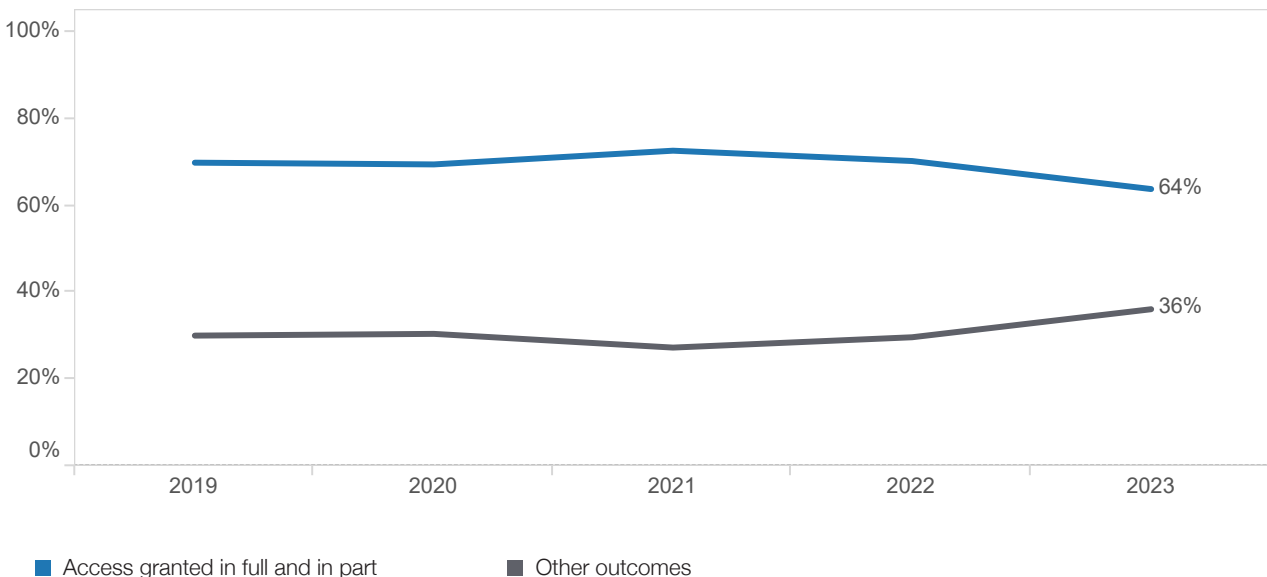


Figure 20: Overall release (access granted in full and in part) rate, by sector, 2018/19 to 2022/23

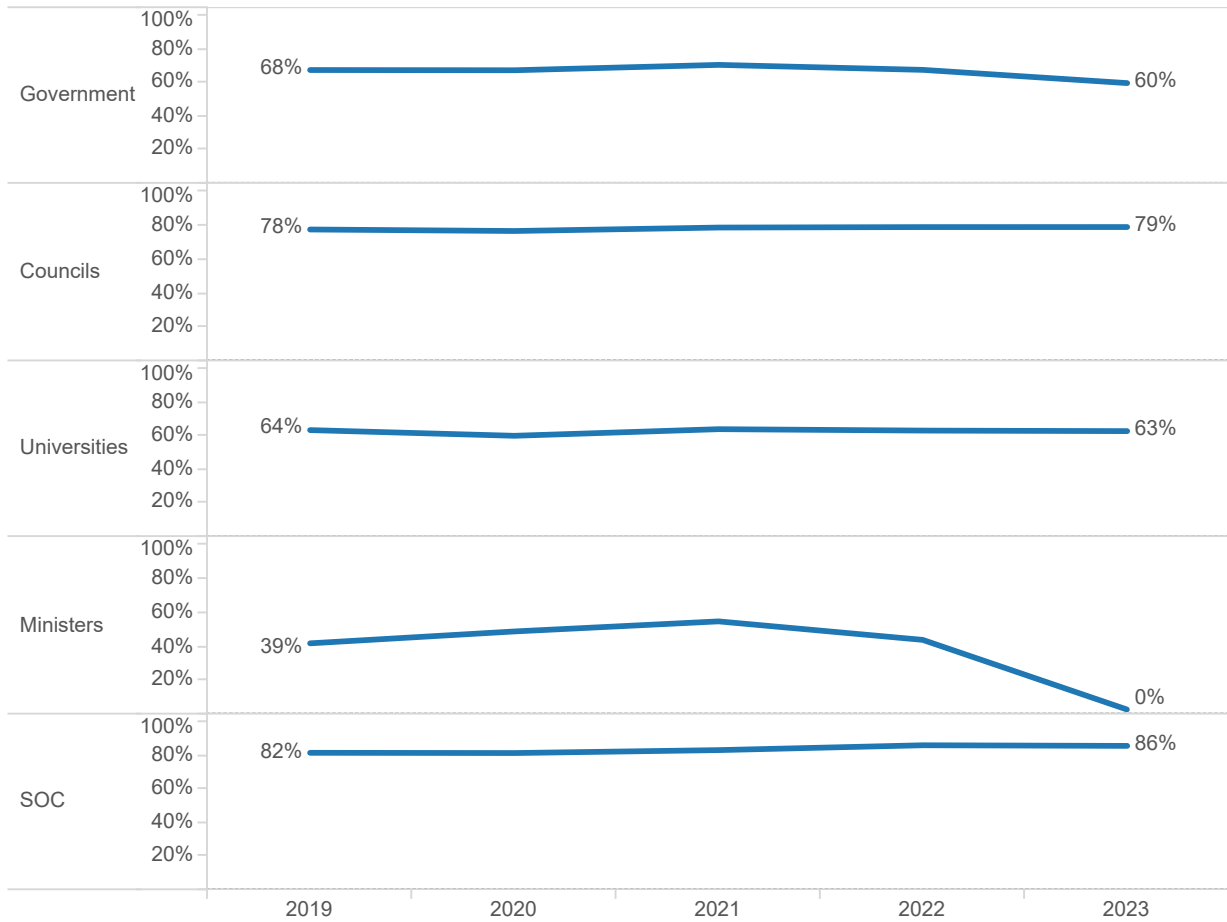
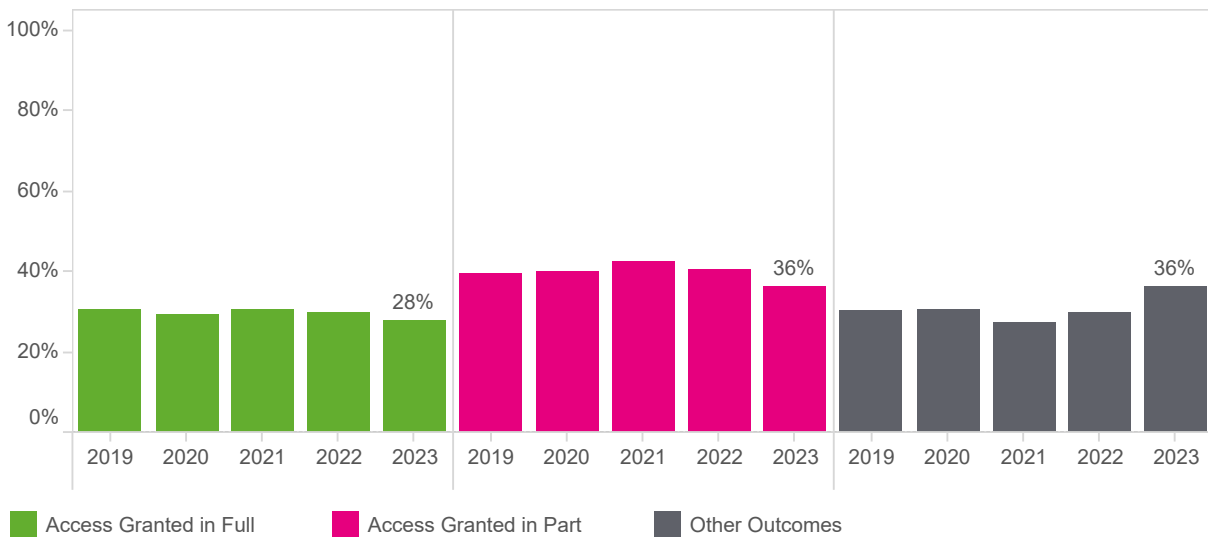
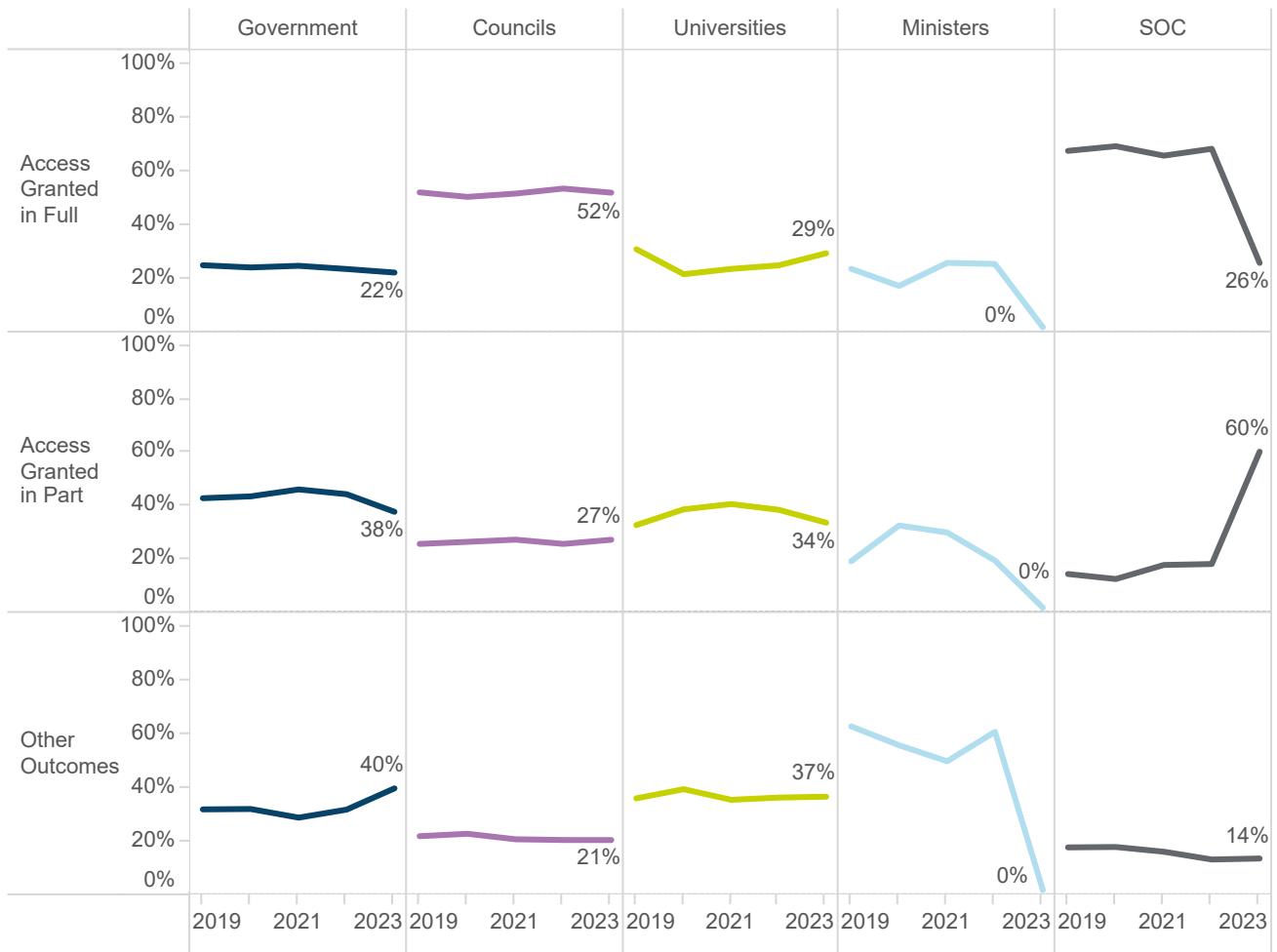


Figure 21: Release outcomes across all sectors, 2018/19 to 2022/23



'Did applicants get what they asked for?' is reported and measured by the requirement for agencies to report on the outcomes of applications for information by the type of applications (listed in Table A of Schedule 2 to the GIPA Regulation) and the type of information that is applied for (listed in Table B of Schedule 2 to the GIPA Regulation). The term 'other outcomes' refers to the following 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, and application withdrawn.

Figure 22: Release outcomes, by sector, 2018/19 to 2022/23



The overall release rate declined for personal information and partly personal and partly other information applications

The overall release rate for applications for personal information moderately declined from previous years at 60% in 2022/23, compared with 74% in 2020/21, and 70% in 2021/22. The overall release rate for ‘other than personal information’ was 68% in 2022/23 consistent with results over the previous reporting periods: 71% in 2021/22, and 71% in 2020/21. The overall release rate for applications that sought partly personal and partly other information was 66% in 2022/23, slightly down from 70% in 2021/22 (Figure 23).

Release rates by applicant type remain stable

The lowest overall release rate was for applications made by media industry representatives at 48%. This differs to 2021/22 where Members of Parliament had the lowest overall release rate of 52% (Figure 24).

The highest release rate in 2022/23 was for applications made by private sector business at 75%, consistent with 74% in 2021/22 and 76% in 2020/21.

The release rate for members of the public was 62%, slightly down from 71% reported in both 2021/22 and 2020/21.

Unlike overall release rates, the composition of outcomes fluctuated somewhat in 2022/23:

- For members of the public, 25% of outcomes granted access in full, and 37% granted access in part. This is consistent with outcomes reported in 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20.
- For private sector business, 44% of outcomes granted access in full is a moderate increase compared with the 35% reported in 2021/22, and 31% granted access in part is a moderate decline compared to outcomes reported in 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20.
- For media, 25% of outcomes granted access in full, a moderate decline from 36% in 2021/22, and 23% granted in part, consistent with 20% reported in 2021/22.
- For Members of Parliament, 25% of outcomes granted access in full, and 25% granted access in part, consistent with outcomes reported in 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20.
- For not-for-profit organisations or community groups, 35% of outcomes granted access in full consistent with outcomes reported in 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20, and 31% of outcomes granted access in part, which is a moderate decline compared with outcomes reported in the three previous reporting periods.

Figure 23: Release outcomes by application type, 2018/19 to 2022/23

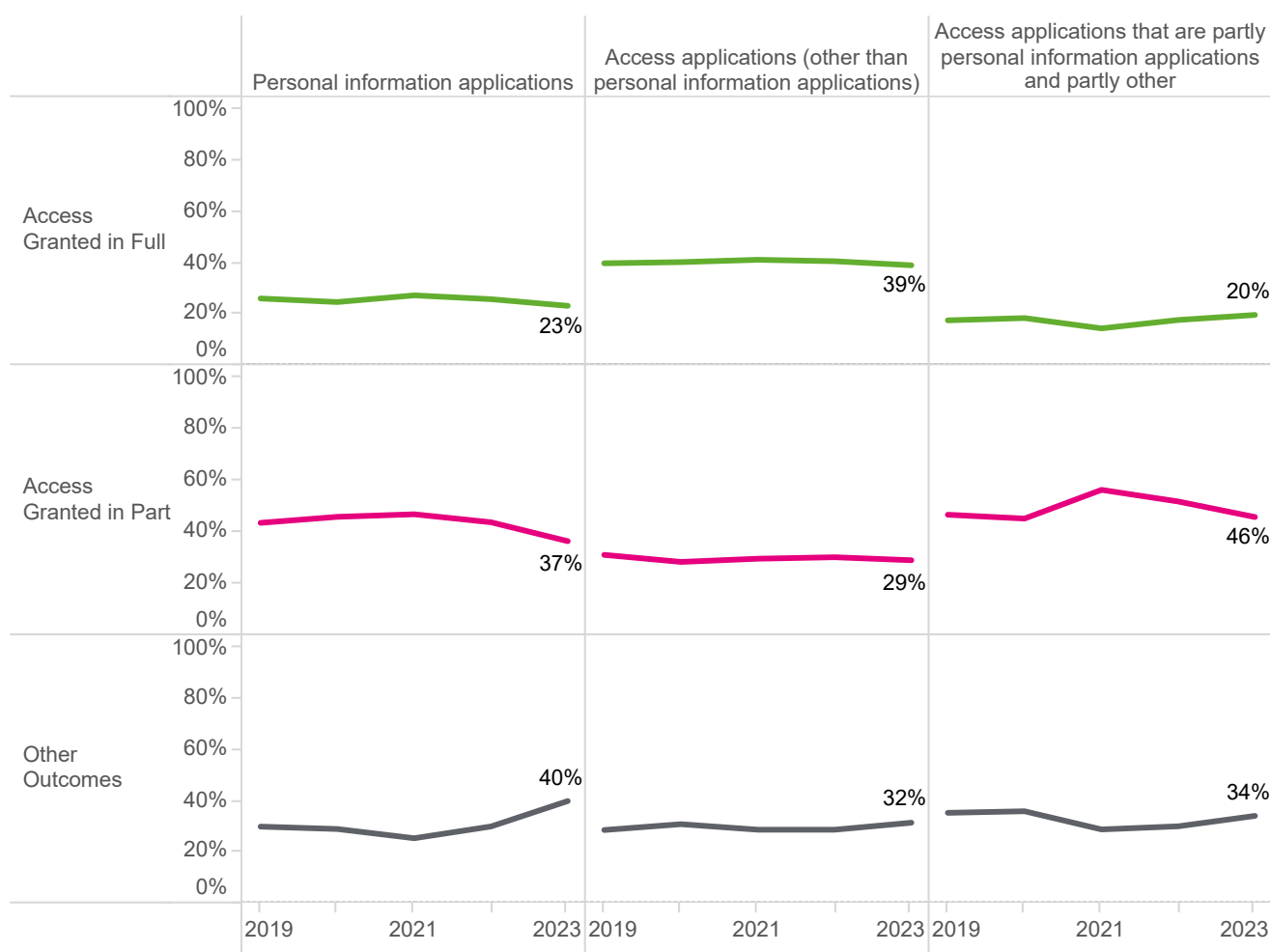


Figure 24: Outcomes by applicant type, 2018/19 to 2022/23

