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National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) Dispute Resolution Case Metrics 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 (Jan 2020 – Mar 2020)

Summary

While the total number of requests for OGIS assistance decreased by 1 percent this quarter, the submissions included more written requests and fewer telephone calls. Despite the increase in time-consuming written submissions, we reduced our backlog by 46 percent this quarter.

Expectations

We expect to continue to reduce our backlog, building on the new efficiencies we have introduced into our processes.

OGIS Dispute Resolution Caseload

Cases	FY20 Q1	FY20 Q2	% Change	
Logged	1083	1069	-1%	
Closed	1108	1069	-3%	
Open	190	187	-2%	
Backlog*	119	64	-46%	
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* Cases pending ≥ 91 days

OGIS Ten Oldest Pending Cases

Case No.	No. of Days Pending		
18-00827	575		
18-01065	557		
18-01116	555		
18-01237	544		
18-01232	544		
18-01319	542		
18-02071	503		
18-02300	494		
18-02390	490		
18-02436	487		

Performance Metrics

Metric		Achieved FY20 Q1	Achieved FY20 Q2
Average time to make initial contact for requests for assistance		3 days	4 days
Average processing time to close a complex request for assistance**		452 days	490 days
Average processing time to close a simple request for assistance**		6 days	6 days
Percentage of complex requests for assistance processed within established timeframe**	85-90%	5%	2%
Percentage of simple requests for assistance processed within established timeframe**	85-90%	99%	99%
Number of complex cases pending assignment	N/A	100	58
Number of simple cases pending assignment	N/A	9	66
Average age of pending complex OGIS cases	N/A	358 days	269 days
Average age of pending simple OGIS cases	N/A	53 days	22 days

**NARA Performance Measurement and Reporting System (PMRS) metric