

## Freedom of Information - Consultation announced at last

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Having delayed for over 3 years the government have at last published a draft FOI Bill and the consultation document.

There is to be an eight week public consultation period, closing on 10th September 2010. Rest assured that PAG will be going through the document with a fine toothcomb over the Summer months.

A first read indicates that it is proposed to make a charge to deal with FOI requests!

Chief Minister, Tony Brown gave a revealing interview on Manx Radio about the introduction of the legislation. It can be heard on their 'listen again' facility, but only until 19th July 2010. It lasts about 10 minutes.

Listen particularly to the excuse for the delay, since early 2007, in drafting the legislation.

Links: [Consultation launched on Freedom of Information Bill](#) ☐ ☐ ☐ [The Draft Bill for Consultation](#)