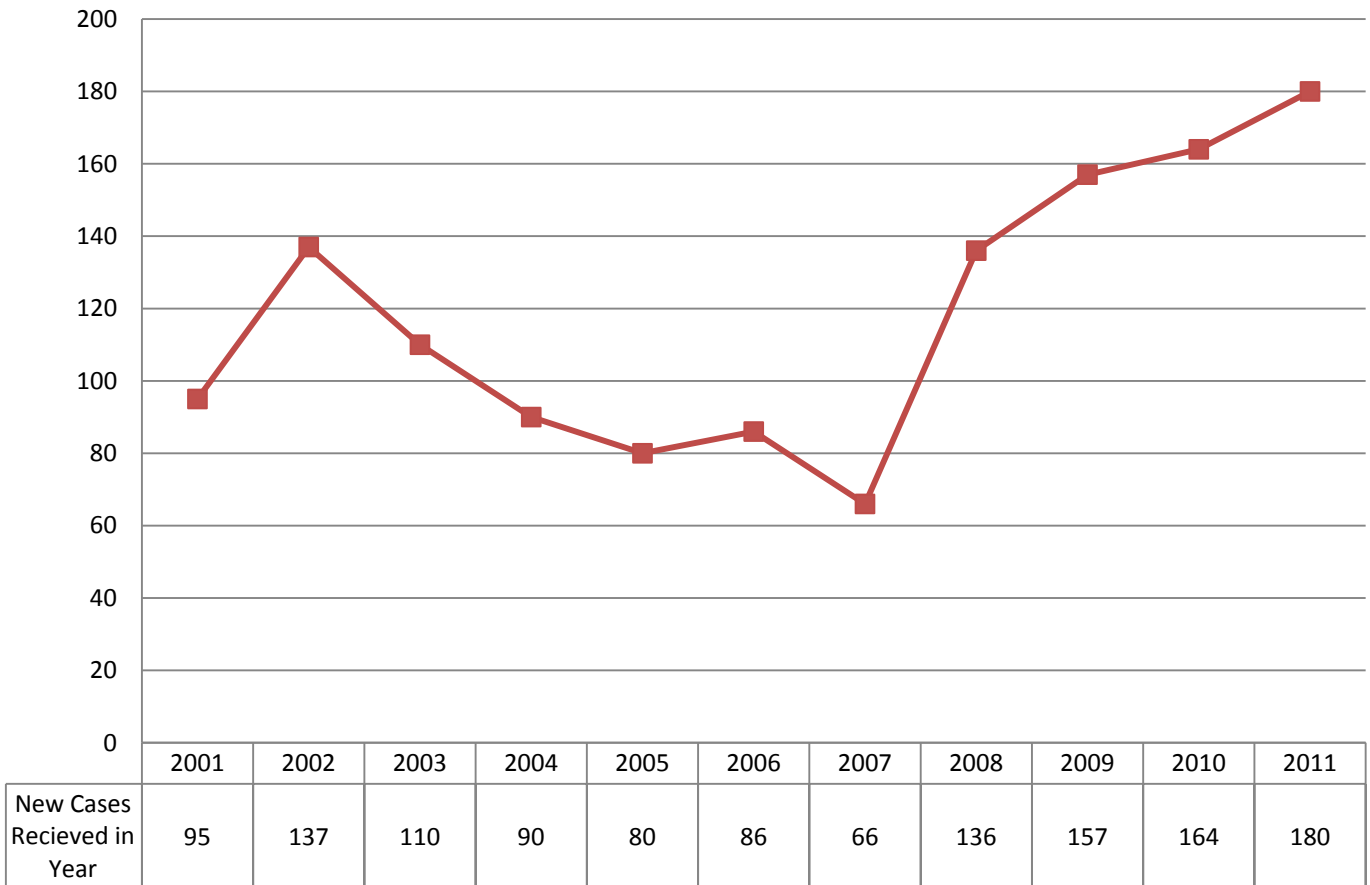


Statistical Report for 2011

Today the Investigatory Powers Tribunal publishes its figures for cases received and determined in the period between 1st January and 31st December 2011. The IPT received 180 complaints in 2011, compared to 164 in 2010. This represents an increase of 10% on the previous year.

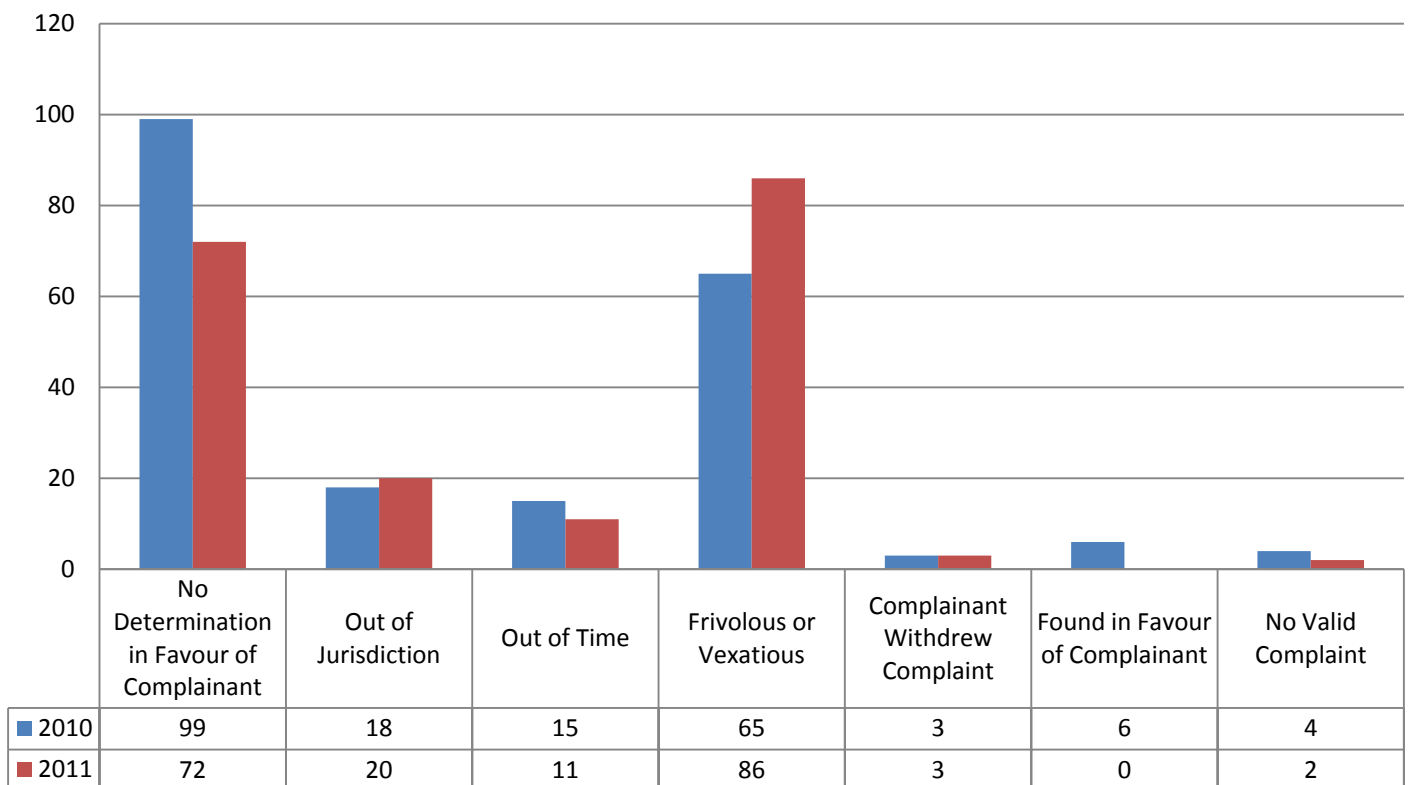
Figure 1 - Complaints Received Annually Since IPT Inception



The Tribunal has also today published a breakdown of the outcomes of all cases determined in 2011. The main findings are that 48% (86) complaints were ruled as 'frivolous or vexatious', 40% of complaints (72) received a 'no determination' outcome and 11% of complaints were ruled 'out of jurisdiction'.

The IPT published its [inaugural report](#) in 2011. This can be accessed by following the link to the IPT's website.

Figure 2 - Outcome of Cases Determined in 2010 and 2011



Notes:-

No Determination in Favour of Complainant: If no determination is made in favour of the complainant that may mean that there has been no conduct in relation to the complainant by any relevant body which falls within the jurisdiction of the Tribunal, or that there has been some official activity which is not in contravention of the Act. The provisions of the Act do not allow the Tribunal to disclose whether or not the complainant are, or have been, of interest to the security, intelligence or law enforcement agencies. Nor is the Tribunal permitted to disclose what evidence it has taken into account in considering the complaint.

Out of Jurisdiction: This ruling means that after careful consideration by at least two Members the Tribunal has ruled that under Rule 13(3)(c) of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal Rules 2000, the Tribunal has no power to investigate the complaint

Out of Time: In such cases after careful consideration by at least two Members the Tribunal rules that under Rule 13(3)(b) of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal Rules 2000, the complaint is out of time and the time limit should not be extended.

Frivolous or Vexatious: The Tribunal concludes in such cases that the complaint is obviously unsustainable and/or that it is vexatious, usually in the sense that it is a repetition of an earlier complaint or complaints previously dealt with, and thus falls within the provisions of Rule 13(3) (a), such that, pursuant to s67 (4) of RIPA, the Tribunal has resolved to dismiss the claim.

No Valid Complaint: The Tribunal has resolved to dismiss the complaint or human rights claim due to a defect such as the failure by a complainant to sign the form, or any other failure to adequately submit a complaint as set out in sections 7 and 8 of The Investigatory Powers Tribunal Rules 2000.

Complainant Withdrew Complaint: The complainant withdrew the complaint prior to any determination being made.

Found in Favour of Complainant: The Tribunal has ruled in favour of the complainant