

EFSA PROGRESS INDICATORS 4th QUARTER 2005

1. Number of Scientific Opinions

- Nature of indicator: number of opinions agreed (taken as data of agreement by Panel) against total projected for the year in Work Plan.
- Purpose: allows Board to judge month on month whether productivity and work pattern are in line with the Management Plan.
- Source: data already held by the Science Department of EFSA.
- Additional notes: a limitation of this indicator is that it does not allow for the differing time requirements of specific opinions which may explain why opinions are not averaged out in quantity throughout the flow.

| Year | Quarter | Number of Expected Opinions | Number of Adopted Opinions |
|------|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2003 | Q3 | 4 | 4 |
| 2003 | Q4 | 21 | 25 |
| 2004 | Q1 | 22 | 25 |
| 2004 | Q2 | 38 | 38 |
| 2004 | Q3 | 29 | 29 |
| 2004 | Q4 | 94 ¹ | 71 |
| 2005 | Q1 | 42 ² | 44 |
| 2005 | Q2 | 66 ³ | 42 |
| 2005 | Q3 | 46 ⁴ | 29 |
| 2005 | Q4 | 50 | 45 |
| 2006 | Q1 | 28 | |
| 2006 | Q2 | 38 | |
| 2006 | Q3 | 86 | |
| 2006 | Q4 | 2 | |
| 2007 | Q2 | 1 | |
| | Without Deadline | 161 | |
| | Sum: | 567 | 352 |

- Note 1 A substantial number of questions received at the start of EFSA in May 2003 were without a deadline and were arbitrarily given the deadline of December 2004.
- Note 2 7 EFSA self tasks for the PPR Panel (on Focus documents) were erroneously given the deadline of January 2005 whereas this should be January 2006.
- Note 3 32 of these questions are on flavourings and are delayed because of additional data needs.
- Note 4 For 7 food supplements, registered for completion in the 3rd quarter of 2005, the work has not yet started in anticipation of another 200 questions on food supplements. The Commission is informed of EFSA's proposal to await all questions, then group them and provide question numbers and timelines.

2. Number of Requests from Member States, the European Commission and the European Parliament

Nature of indicator: number of requests accepted by EFSA, planned deadline for completion and actual completion date.

Purpose: allows Board to judge whether EFSA is "on track" in work for external clients other than the Commission.

Source: data already held by Science Department of EFSA.

For 2004:

| Year | Applicant Type | Applicant | Number of Questions |
|------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2004 | EC | European Commission - DG DEV | 2 |
| 2004 | EC | European Commission - DG ENV | 6 |
| 2004 | EC | European Commission - DG SANCO | 143 |
| 2004 | EFSA | EFSA | 20 |
| 2004 | EP | European Parliament | 1 |
| 2004 | MS | Member State - Belgium | 2 |
| 2004 | MS | Member State - France | 1 |
| 2004 | MS | Member State - Germany | 1 |
| 2004 | MS | Member State - The Netherlands | 1 |
| 2004 | MS | Member State - United Kingdom | 5 |
| | | Sum: | 182 |

For 2005:

| Year | Applicant Type | Applicant | Number of Questions |
|------|----------------|---|---------------------|
| 2005 | EC | European Commission - DG ENV | 6 |
| 2005 | EC | European Commission - DG RTD | 1 |
| 2005 | EC | European Commission - DG SANCO ¹ | 194 |
| 2005 | EFSA | EFSA | 19 |
| 2005 | EP | European Parliament | 1 |
| 2005 | MS | Member State - Czech Republic | 2 |
| 2005 | MS | Member State - Denmark | 3 |
| 2005 | MS | Member State - France | 3 |
| 2005 | MS | Member State - Germany | 7 |
| 2005 | MS | Member State - Hungary | 1 |
| 2005 | MS | Member State - Slovakia | 1 |
| 2005 | MS | Member State - The Netherlands | 14 |
| 2005 | MS | Member State - United Kingdom | 14 |
| | | Sum: | 266 |

Note 1 This unexpected high number is to a large extent the result of a large number of questions on food supplements.

3. Compliance of Scientific Opinions with legal deadlines

Nature of indicator: number of opinions which go beyond their legal deadline, number which go beyond deadline agreed by the Commission as an extension to the legal deadline and total number of opinions with a legal deadline for answer in the calendar year.

Purpose: allows Board to judge month on month the extent, if any, to which legal deadlines are not being met and to take a view on the justification provided.

Source: data already held by Science Department of EFSA.

| Year | Quarter | Number of Questions with a legal deadline | Number of Questions which met the legal deadline | Number of Questions which did not meet the legal deadline | Percentage which met the legal deadline |
|------|---------|---|--|---|---|
| 2003 | Q3 | 1 | 1 | | 100 % |
| 2003 | Q4 | 5 | 5 | | 100 % |
| 2004 | Q1 | 2 | 1 | 1 ¹ | 50 % |
| 2004 | Q2 | 2 | 2 | | 100 % |
| 2004 | Q3 | 7 | 4 | 3 ² | 57 % |
| 2004 | Q4 | 22 | 19 | 3 ³ | 86 % |
| 2005 | Q1 | 9 | 9 | | 100 % |
| 2005 | Q2 | 34 | 1 | 33 ⁴ | 3 % |
| 2005 | Q3 | 1 | 1 | | 100 % |
| 2005 | Q4 | 3 | 3 | | 100 % |
| 2006 | Q1 | 9 | 2 | | 22 % |
| 2006 | Q2 | 7 | 2 | | 29 % |

Note 1 The opinion that did not make the deadline (Q-2003-089 on GM Maize MON863 and MON863 x MON810) was adopted on 2 April 2004 instead of 7 March 2004.

Note 2 The three opinions which did not meet the deadline were :
 -Q-2004-11 (GMO : placing on the market of 1507 maize); expected : 4 July, adopted 24 September 2004.
 -Q-2004-12 (GMO : placing on the market of Bt11 Maize); expected : 30 September 2004, adopted 20 April 2005.
 -Q-2004-72 (GMO : placing on the market of 1507 maize for import, feed, processing and cultivation); expected 30 September 2004, adopted 19 January 2005.

Note 3 The three opinions which did not meet the deadline were all three toxicological questions related to the first stage of the pesticide review. They were adopted on 28 October instead of 13 October 2004 (2 questions) and on 14 December instead of 29 October 2004 (1 question).

Note 4 For 32 of these questions, which were all put to the Panel on food additives, flavourings, processing aids and materials in contact with food (AFC) and concern flavourings, an official extension of the deadline was requested from, and granted by, the European Commission in the autumn of 2004. A letter informing the European Parliament of this was sent and there has been no reaction from the Parliament. The reason for this request for a later deadline was the need for the Panel to demand additional data from the manufacturers as the dossiers submitted were incomplete. For 1 question to the GMO Panel there was also a need to stop the clock and request more data for the dossier. Thus, for 33 out of 34 questions the legal deadline was not met but this was due to the procedure known as "stop-the-clock". For one question to the FEEDAP Panel, the Panel had to find additional expertise which took time and after that it was considered that there might be need to ask the applicant for more details regarding the scientific data.

4. Number of Staff Recruited

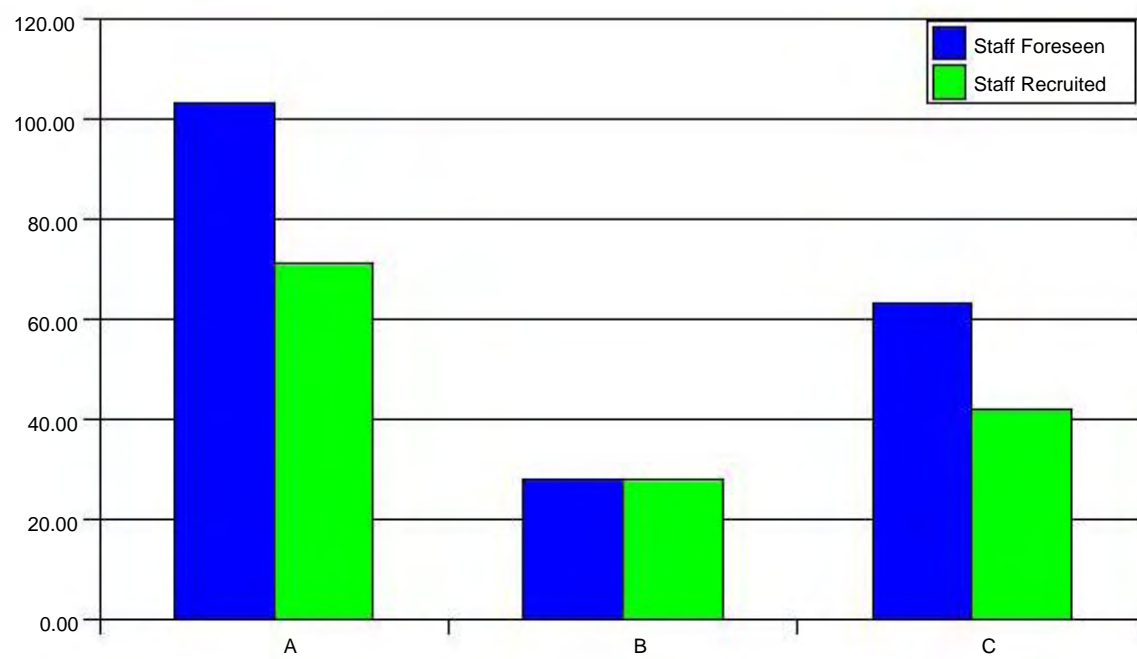
Nature of indicator: number of staff recruited in year (taken at date of acceptance of appointment letter) against total staff recruitment foreseen in the Work Plan. These figures include the staff which resigned in 2005.

Purpose: allows Management Board to judge EFSA's success in expanding its staff according to the Work Plan - which is a key factor in the delivery of the overall workload.

Source: to be collected by the Human Resources Department.

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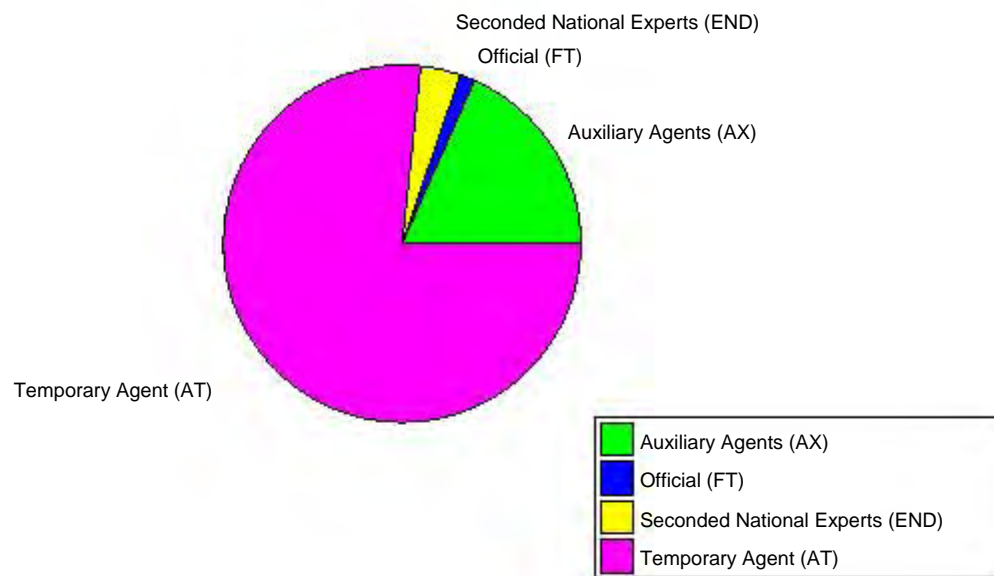
| Grade | Staff Foreseen 2005 | Staff Recruited | Percentage |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| A | 103 | 71 | 68.93 |
| B | 28 | 28 | 100.00 |
| C | 63 | 42 | 66.67 |
| Sum: | 194 | 141 | 72.68 |



Staff Distribution

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| Staff Type | Number Of Contracts | Percentage |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Auxiliary Agents (AX) | 29 | 18.24 % |
| Official (FT) | 2 | 1.26 % |
| Seconded National Experts (END) | 6 | 3.77 % |
| Temporary Agent (AT) | 122 | 76.73 % |
| Sum: | 159 | |
| Percent: | | 100.00 % |



5. Measurement of interest in EFSA's website

Nature of indicator: the actual number of hits, visits and downloads per month

Purpose: to allow the Board to check on the use made of the website which is EFSA's main means of direct communication with the outside world.

Source: data already collected by IT Department. "Hits" is a measure utilised by website providers to evaluate website traffic; hits are defined as a click on any object of the website (e.g. page, graphic, or other resource). "Visits" are defined as a continuous period of activity by one visitor to a website (no more than 15 minutes between hits). "Downloads" refer to the accessing of any object not immediately displayed on the user's browser. This includes office documents included in the website in the form of discrete attachments (eg word, excel, powerpoint or pdf files) which are downloaded from the website for viewing and/or printing and can be considered as a possible indicator of the level of interest of a visitor in a given topic.

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| For Month | Hits | Visits | Downloads |
|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Jul-04 | 2,032,932 | 41,507 | 1,258,574 |
| Aug-04 | 2,286,705 | 46,122 | 1,431,959 |
| Sep-04 | 3,079,237 | 67,231 | 1,985,883 |
| Oct-04 | 3,050,189 | 65,306 | 1,941,815 |
| Nov-04 | 3,341,703 | 76,073 | 2,124,675 |
| Dec-04 | 2,701,925 | 72,392 | 1,714,804 |
| Jan-05 | 3,493,837 | 82,822 | 2,258,483 |
| Feb-05 | 3,106,066 | 82,972 | 2,099,029 |
| Mar-05 | 3,706,469 | 104,981 | 2,463,671 |
| Apr-05 | 3,614,233 | 106,239 | 2,391,329 |
| May-05 | 3,203,054 | 103,342 | 2,090,723 |
| Jun-05 | 3,731,824 | 105,735 | 2,460,071 |
| Jul-05 | 3,504,583 | 107,897 | 2,278,137 |
| Aug-05 | 2,505,827 | 77,734 | 1,641,468 |
| Sep-05 | 4,430,986 | 123,072 | 2,832,609 |
| Oct-05 | 2,816,713 | 88,290 | 1,952,312 |
| Nov-05 | 3,754,649 | 125,445 | 2,511,238 |
| Dec-05 | 3,861,911 | 134,365 | 2,637,800 |

