

Mergers



Financial year	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	Total	
Clearances (s 66)																											
Total applications decided	40	23	28	20	18	23	19	26	11	8	10	10	8	12	14	12	7	9	11	9	8	21	9	13	6	375	
Unconditional clearance	30	19	22	17	14	16	14	17	7	8	8	8	6	9	11	9	3	5	8	9	6	11	7	12	4	280	
Clearance with divestment undertaking	3	1	2	0	1	1	1	5	2	0	2	1	0	2	1	2	0	1	2	0	2	3	2	0	0	34	
Declined	5	3	2	1	3	3	3	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	36	
Withdrawn	2	0	2	2	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	1	0	25	
SOI/LOI issued ¹	0	1	4	2	6	6	4	8	5	1	2	3	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	2	4	10 ⁴	5	7	3	103	
SOUI/LOUI issued ²	Not applicable – process did not exist						1	8	3	1	0	3	3	2	3	2	4	2	0	0	0	3	2	0	2	39	
Average working days to decision	22	25	30	20	37	35	43	38	46	39	32	64	67	60	64	60	82	77	59	49	69	69	94	69	115	46	
Average working days to decision where no SOI/LOI issued	22	25	30	20	27	31	30	25	23	37	31	47	48	42	42	40	24	45	35	39	35	38	43	38	65	31	
Authorisations (s 67)																											
Total applications decided	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	
Authorised	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	
Clearance granted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Declined	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Withdrawn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Average working days to decision	68	N/A	N/A	207	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	83	45	N/A	N/A	N/A	252	221	N/A	66	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	125	126	
Section 47 investigations																											
Number decided	37	30	22	9	14	9	6	1	3	3	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	7	4	2	2	1	0	1	0	162	

Notes

¹ SOI is a Statement of Issues (formerly called a Letter of Issues)

² SOUI is a Statement of Unresolved Issues

³ The figures in the total column are, in the case of average working day rows, total average days over all the years; in other cases, the sum over all the years

⁴ In 2021/2022, the Commission decided to issue a SOI on a further 4 applications however these matters were concluded without an SOI being published.