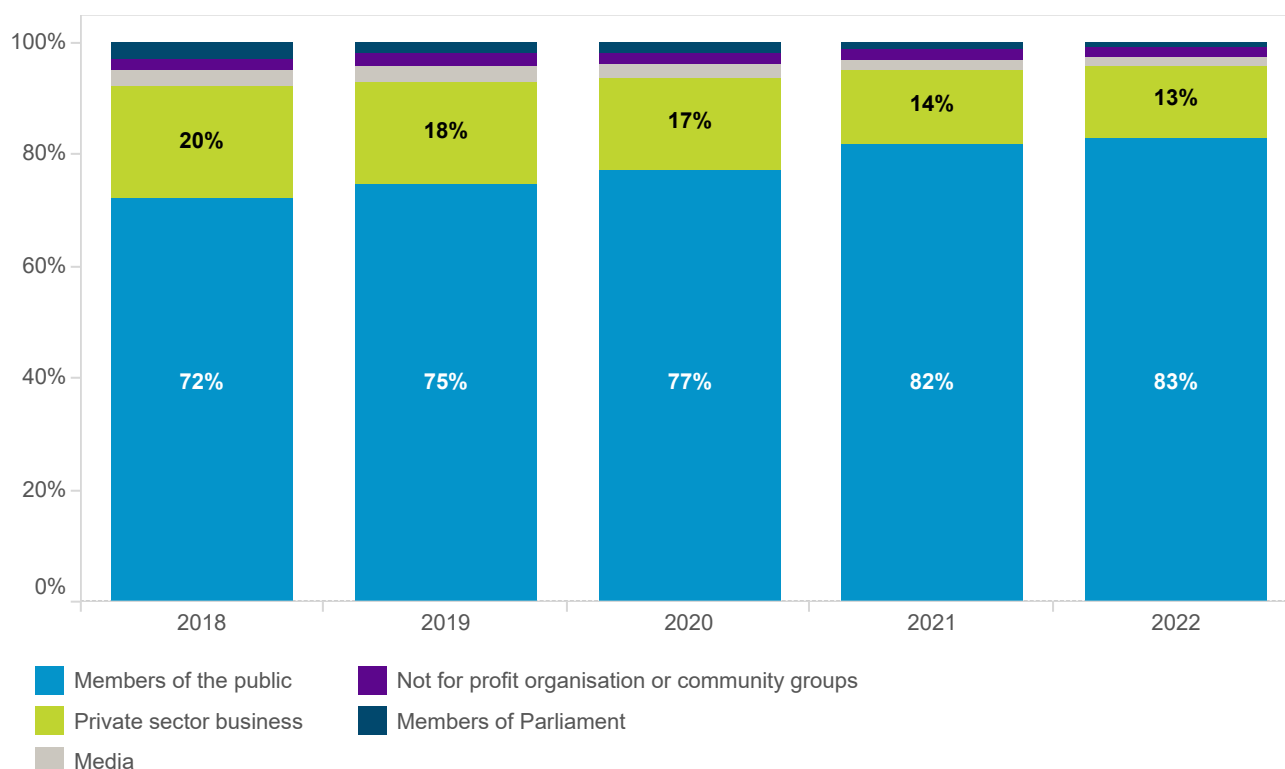


# Who applied?

## Application outcomes for members of the public remain at a record high

In 2021/22, 83% of all outcomes were related to applications from either a member of the public or their legal representative. This is consistent with the 82% reported in 2020/21. Within this group, the largest single applicant type (44%) was members of the public represented legally. In 2020/21, legally represented members of the public accounted for 51% of the total outcomes of applications.

Figure 13: Trend in the proportion of outcomes, by type of applicant, 2017/18 to 2021/22



## There was a moderate increase in outcomes for members of the public and a moderate decrease in outcomes for members of Parliament

In 2020/21 (as in all years), the greatest number of outcomes was for applications by members of the public, which increased moderately by 8%, compared with 2020/21 (from 18,229 in 2020/21 to 19,758 in 2021/22) (Figure 14).

Outcomes for legally represented members of the public (44%) declined moderately from the 51% recorded in 2020/21.

The number of outcomes for members of Parliament (1%) declined moderately by 7% (from 213 in 2020/21 to 198 in 2021/22), following an increase of 39% in 2020/21.

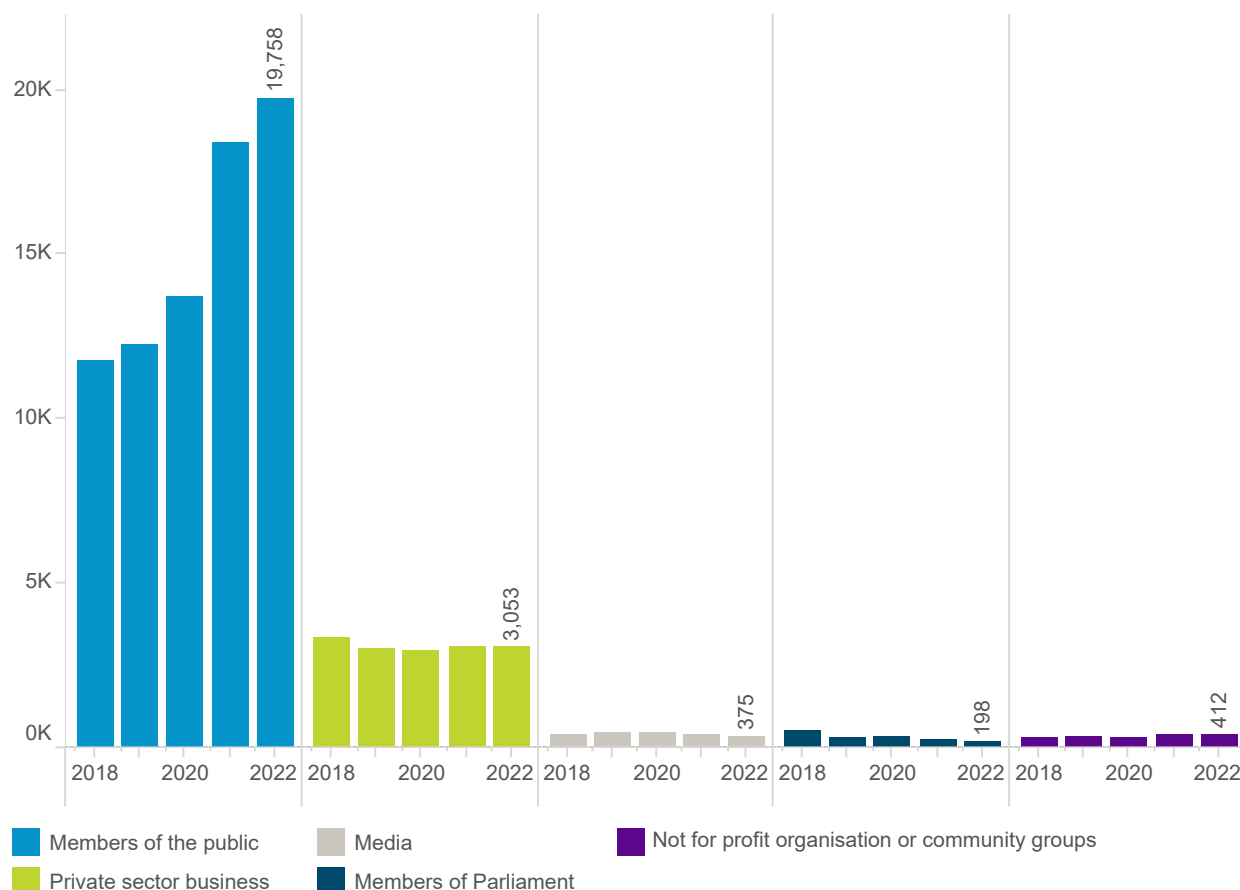
The number of outcomes for not-for-profit organisations or community groups remained consistent with the previous year (412 in 2021/22 compared with 404 in 2020/21) following a 49% increase in 2020/21.

The number of outcomes for media remained consistent with the previous year (375 in 2021/22 compared with 382 in 2020/21) following an 18% decline in 2020/21.

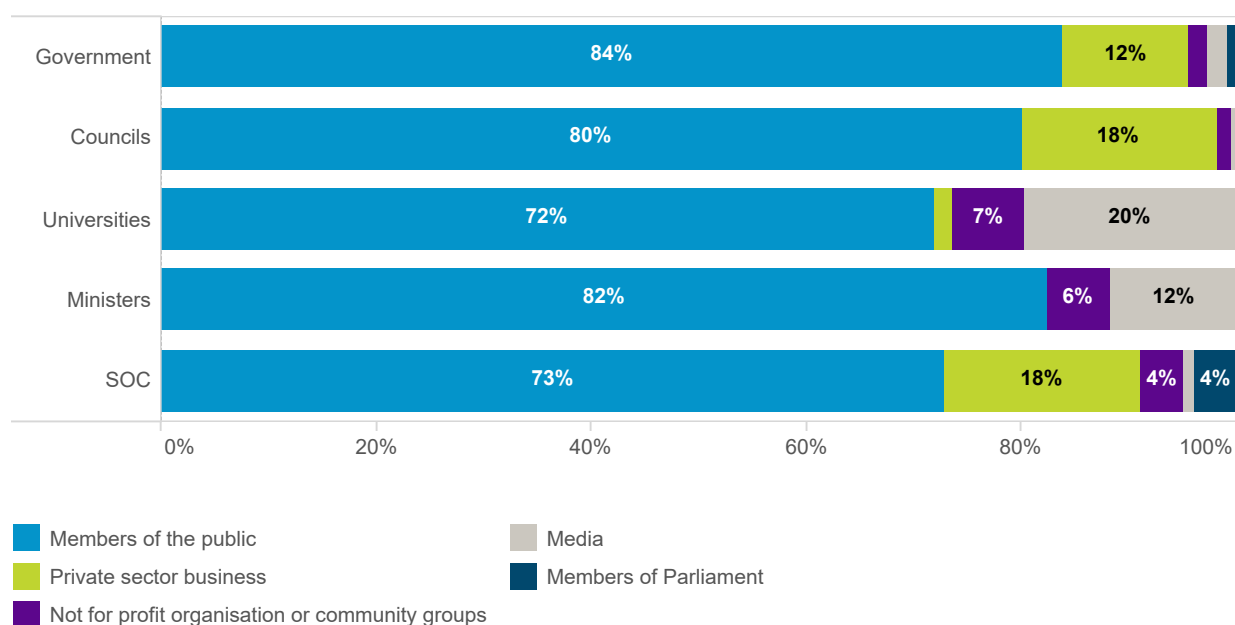
The number of outcomes for private sector businesses remained consistent with the previous year (3,053 in 2021/22 compared with 3,054 in 2020/21). However, this represents a steady decline from 20% in 2017/18. This corresponds with a considerable increase in applications from members of the public and the resultant percentage of outcomes recorded for this sector against the growth in total applications.

*'Who applied?' is reported and measured by the requirement for agencies to report on the number of outcomes for applications by type of applicant. As an application can have multiple outcomes, the total number of outcomes reported in this section will usually be higher than the number of applications reported. This section draws on data from Table A of Schedule 2 to the GIPA Regulation.*

**Figure 14: Number of outcomes by type of applicant, 2017/18 to 2021/22**



**Figure 15: Percentage of outcomes by sector and type of applicant, 2021/22**



## **Overall percentages remained largely stable for applicant type, with changes in applicant type across the Minister and State-Owned Corporations sectors**

Similar to 2020/21, in 2021/22 the distribution of applicant types varied markedly across sectors (Figure 15). Percentages remained consistent in the Government, Council and State-Owned Corporations sectors.

Notable changes by sector since 2020/21 were the:

- University sector – a moderate increase for the percentage of outcomes related to members of the public, from 63% to 72%, and a significant decline for media, from 20% to 12%, and not-for-profit or community groups, from 12% to 7%
- Minister sector – a significant increase for both the percentage of outcomes related to members of the public, from 55% to 82%, and a moderate decline for media from 18% to 12%, and not-for-profit or community groups from 13% to 6%.