



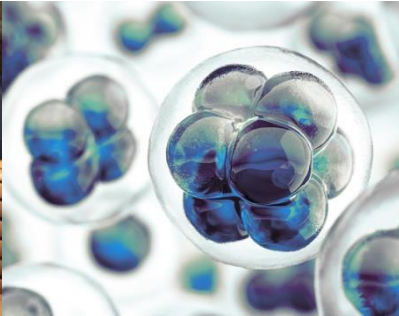
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# Changes to RPBA – one year on

## Impact on DG1



# Possible impact

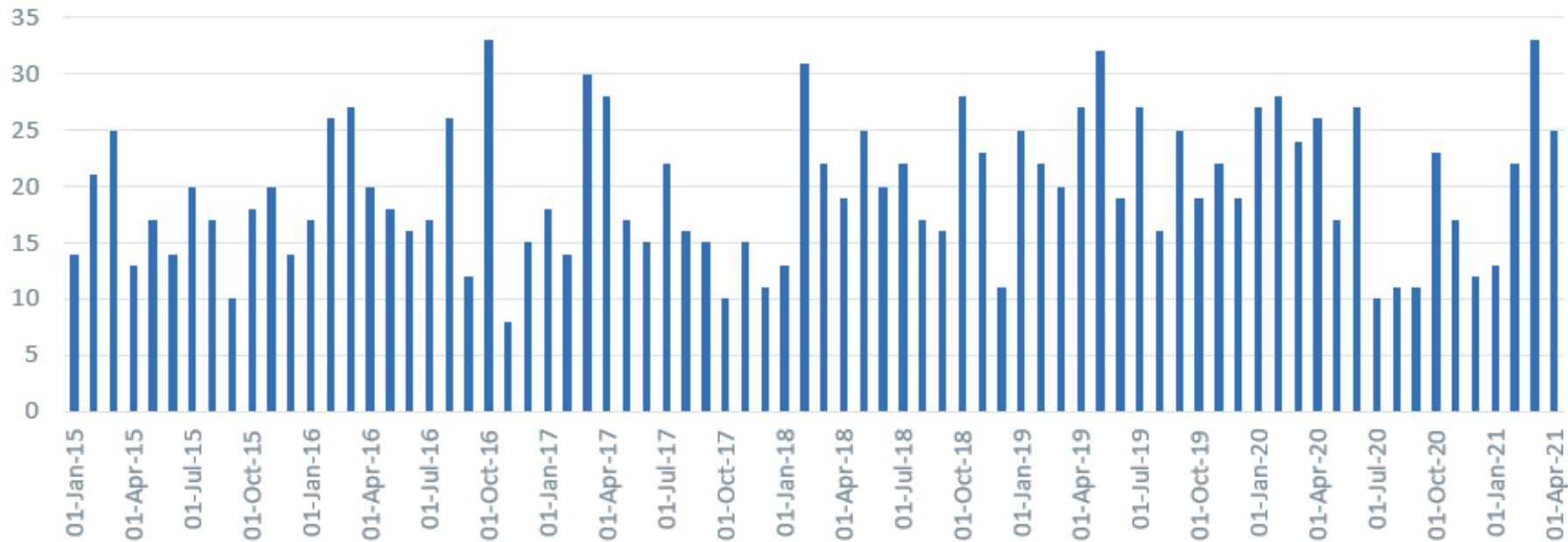
Change in strategy of parties ?

- notice of opposition
- number of documents cited
- number of attacks
- number of auxiliary requests

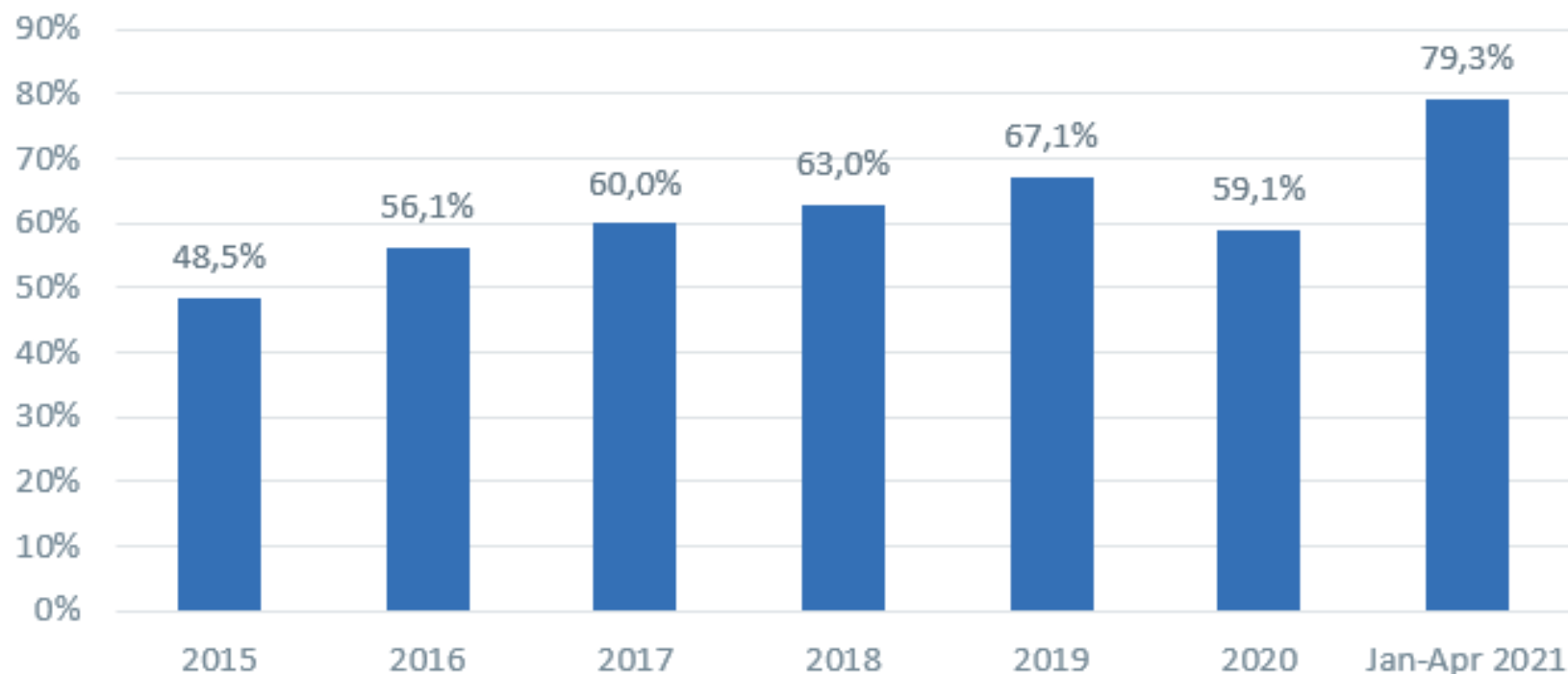
However.....

- effect of pandemic
- prior awareness of rule changes

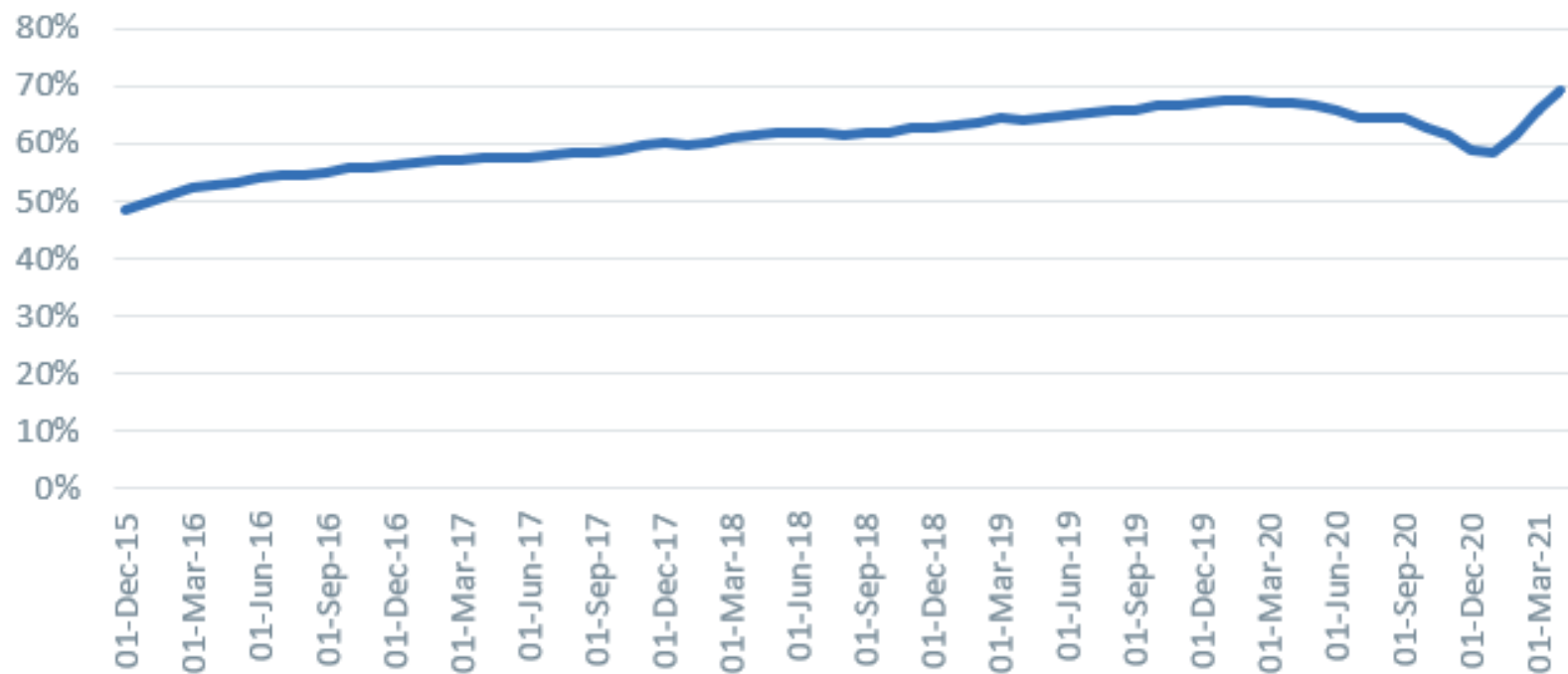
## Number of remittal events from BoA back to DG1 in **opposition**



## Percentage of finished **opposition** files with submission of auxiliary requests (at least once)



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*12 months rolling figures*

## Development of avg. number of auxiliary requests submitted per submission day in examination and opposition

