

Orders for production of documents

Guide to compliance statuses

The following compliance statuses are used in the cumulative list of orders for documents and responses.

Order complied with

If the order is for a specified document in the possession of the minister

The minister has complied with the order by producing the required document, or the document is otherwise produced to the Senate. If the order relates to the provision of answers to questions on notice, the receipt of the answer by the Senate Table Office or the relevant committee secretariat in accordance with the standard processes is taken to discharge the requirements of a Senate order for the production of the answer.

If the order requires the creation of a document by the minister for the purpose of being tabled

The order is taken to have been complied with when the minister tables a document containing information that purports to meet the requirements of the order.

Order substantially complied with

As above, but in an instance where only relatively minor or trivial portions of the required document(s) or information are not provided.

Order partially complied with

The minister produces some required documents or information, and offers reasons for not producing the remainder.

No documents exist

The minister responds to state that there are no relevant documents in the possession of the minister that are within the scope of the order.

Order not yet complied with

No response has been provided as at the date of publication by the minister, or the minister responds to indicate that the Government will not comply with the order, whether or not reasons are given and whether or not a claim of public interest immunity is raised.

In cases where a response is received indicating that additional time is required to comply with the order, a compliance status of 'order not yet complied with' will be assigned until an additional response is provided.

A response indicating that the ordered documents are publicly available, for instance on the Department's website, will not ordinarily be taken to comply with an order unless the order allows for the provision of the information online (e.g. the continuing order for the production of indexed lists of departmental and agency files).
