# REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ON pbo Costing Statistics AND STAFFING dATA

# AS AT 31 October 2013

## Requests from Parliamentarians for policy costings, other analyses and information relating to the Budget

### Table 1. Requests from Parliamentarians and PBO responsiveness

|   | Requests Received Outside the Caretaker Period | Caretaker Costing Requests | **All** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 2012 |  | 2013 |
|   | Q3 | Q4 |   | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 |
| ***Requests Received from Parliamentary Parties*** |
| Total Requests Received | 32 | 165 |  | 69 | 345 | 309 | 85 | **1,005** |
| Requests Withdrawn or Lapsed at Election | - | 6 |   | 3 | 67 | 26 | - | **102** |
| Number of Requests Completed | 32 | 159 |   | 66 | 278 | 283 | 85 | **903** |
| Average Time to Completion (business days) | 54.6 | 43.4 |   | 24.9 | 24.2 | 8.7 | 2.2 | **21.8** |
| ***Requests Received from Individual Parliamentarians*** |
| Total Requests Received | - | - |   | 6 | 5 | 1 | - | **12** |
| Number of Requests Completed | - | - |   | 6 | 5 | 1 | - | **12** |
| Average Time to Completion (business days) | - | - |   | 26.2 | 11.8 | 11.0 | - | **18.9** |



| Response Time (business days) | Frequency |
| --- | --- |
| 0-5 | 223 |
| 6-10 | 161 |
| 11-15 | 72 |
| Decorative16-20 | 85 |
| 21-25 | 79 |
| 26-30 | 37 |
| 31-35 | 62 |
| 36-40 | 51 |
| 41-45 | 36 |
| 46-50 | 20 |
| 51-55 | 24 |
| 56-60 | 19 |
| 61-65 | 7 |
| 66-70 | 4 |
| 71-75 | 7 |
| 76-80 | 5 |
| 81-85 | 4 |
| 86-90 | 3 |
| 91-95 | 4 |
| 96-100 | 3 |
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## Requests by PBO for information from Commonwealth bodies

### Table 2. PBO information requests and responsiveness of Commonwealth bodies

| **Date** | **Requests Sent** | **Responded By Due Date** | **Responded After Due Date** | **Average Lateness for Received Requests** | **Requests Outstanding(overdue)** | **Average Days Overdue for Currently Overdue Requests** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2012 | 85 | 43 (51 %) | 42 (49 %) | 3.4 business days | 0 (0) | - |
| 2013 Q1 | 100 | 35 (36 %) | 63 (64 %) | 8.2 business days | 2 (2) | 147.5 business days |
| 2013 Q2 | 175 | 75 (43 %) | 99 (57 %) | 4.9 business days | 1 (1) | 68.0 business days |
| 2013 Q3 | 234 | 126 (54 %) | 106 (46 %) | 1.5 business days | 2 (2) | 53.5 business days |
| 2013 Q4 | 4 | 1 (33 %) | 2 (67 %) | 1.7 business days | 1 (1) | 4.0 business days |
| **Total** | **598** | **280 (47 %)** | **312 (53 %)** | **3.9 business days** | **6 (6)** | **79.0 business days** |

*\* Numbers of requests sent exclude requests that were subsequently withdrawn.*

| **Response Time (business days taken)** | **Number of Responses Received** |
| --- | --- |
| Same Day | 5 |
| 1-5 | 199 |
| 6-10 | 187 |
| 11-15 | 102 |
| 16-20 | 42 |
| 21-25 | 18 |
| 26-30 | 11 |
| 31-35 | 5 |
| 36-40 | 3 |
| 41-45 | 3 |
| 46-50 | 5 |
| 51+ | 12 |

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| **Response Time (business days late)** | **Number of Responses Received** |
| --- | --- |
| On Time | 281 |
| 1-5 | 206 |
| 6-10 | 47 |
| 11-15 | 19 |
| 16-20 | 12 |
| 21-25 | 4 |
| 26-30 | 3 |
| 31-35 | 7 |
| 36-40 | 1 |
| 41-45 | 1 |
| 46-50 | 1 |
| 51+ | 10 |

## PBO permanent staff by function and employment level

### Table 3. PBO permanent staff by function and employment level

|  | PBO Executive | Budget Analysis Division | Fiscal Policy and Analysis Division | Corporate Strategy Branch\* | **Total** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) | 1 | - | - | - | **1** |
| Senior Executive Service Band 2 (SES B2) | - | 1 | 1 | - | **2** |
| Senior Executive Service Band 1 (SES B1) | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | **4** |
| Parliamentary Executive Level 2 (PEL2) | - | 4 | 1 | 1 | **6** |
| Parliamentary Executive Level 1 (PEL1) | - | 8 | 4 | 2 | **14** |
| Parliamentary Service Level 6 (PSL6) | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | **5** |
| Parliamentary Service Level 4 (PSL4)  | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | **3** |
| **Total Staff** | **2** | **18** | **10** | **5** | **35** |

\* Includes recruitment approvals for staff commencing on 21 November 2013.

