

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 176

**Topic:** Freedom of Information

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

Since 7 September 2013, how many Freedom of Information requests have been shown or alerted to the Minister or their office?

- a. List those notified requests.
- b. How many instances were each of this requests brought to the office or the Minister's attention?
- c. How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister?
- d. How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister?
- e. How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office?
- f. How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office?

**Answer:**

As set out in response to Question No 165 the Minister's office is notified of all requests by provision of a weekly summary, which includes information about requests received, decisions pending and decisions that have been made by the Department that week. The Minister's office has been advised of all requests processed since 18 September 2014.

Between 18 September 2013 and 20 March 2014 the Minister's office has been advised of 88 requests in total.