

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: FOI - Stats

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Senator Joe Ludwig asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How many FOI requests were received to date.
2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act?
3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act?
4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act?
5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?

Answer:

The Department of Social Services provides the following answer to the honourable Senator's question in the table below:

Since 14 September 2015	As at 8 February 2016
FOI requests received	57*
Requests finalised within regular statutory timeframes	43
Requests granted s.15AA extension	3
Requests granted s.15AB extension	0
Requests finalised out of time (outside regular statutory timeframes)	0

*Of these, 9 requests were transferred to other agencies and 5 had not yet been determined.