

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 225(a)

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Freedom of Information - Stats

Senator Ludwig, Joe 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:

As at 29 January 2016:

1. 28.
2. 20 were responded to within 30 days (that is, the regular timeframe in the FOI Act). 2 were responded to within additional periods allowed under the FOI Act (including, in one case, under section 15AA of the FOI Act). 2 had not yet been responded to as at 29 January 2016, though extensions had been obtained under the FOI Act for each of those requests as at that date.
3. 1.
4. 0.
5. 4.