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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 38

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: Written, 07/06/2017

Topic: NBN Ministerials

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. How many NBN related pieces of Ministerial correspondence did the Department process in the year 2017 to date?
2. Of the 2597 identified NBN related pieces of Ministerial Correspondence in 2016 (see QON 330 from additional Estimates) how many were responded to?
3. Of the 1420 identified NBN related pieces of Ministerial Correspondence in 2015 (see QON 330 from additional Estimates) how many were responded to?
4. Do the figures in QON 330 from additional Estimates include correspondence to the Minister which received no reply?

Answer:

1. 1497.
2. The Department utilises the whole-of-government Parliamentary Workflow Solution, Parliamentary Document Management System (PDMS). PDMS does not have the functionality that would easily allow the requested information to be provided. To attempt to provide this level of detail would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.
3. Refer to answer 2.
4. Yes.