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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

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QUESTION No.: BI-111

Since September 7, 2013:

1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?
2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?
3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents:
 - a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?
 - b. For how many has a redacted document been provided?

ANSWER

1. The Department received 109 requests for documents under the FOI Act in the period 7 September 2013 to 30 June 2014.
2. Of the 109 requests received, the Department made seven decisions involving 46 documents which were determined to be deliberative documents, either in full or in part, under section 47C of the FOI Act.
3. Of the 46 documents:
 - a. Access was refused to 36 documents on the grounds that access to the deliberative parts of those documents would be contrary to the public interest.
 - b. Access was granted in part to 10 redacted documents.