

Department/ Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question: BET 1996-1998

Topic: FOI Requests

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1996. Since September 7, 2013:

How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?

1997. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?

1998. 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:

1996. 537.

1997. The ATO does not record this information. However, the ATO dealt with three FOI requests in which it made exemption claims under section 47C of the FOI Act. The schedules of documents in those three cases show that we determined 81 documents to be exempt either in whole or in part because they were at the same time deliberative documents and we determined release of that material to be contrary to the public interest.

1998.

a. 8 documents.

b. 73 documents.