

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Agency: ASQA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000687

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing.

ASQA: FoI Requests

Question

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

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

The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) has provided the following response.

1. ASQA received 27 FOI requests between 14 September 2015 and 31 January 2016
2. In relation to five of the 27 requests, a total of 19 documents were identified as containing deliberative matter
3. Of the 19 documents containing deliberative matter:
 - a) ASQA refused to grant access to 16 documents. Refusal of access was partially due the fact that releasing the deliberative material would be contrary to the public interest; however other factors were also taken into account in making the determination.
 - b) ASQA released three documents with deliberative matter redacted on the basis that this redacted information would be contrary to the public interest to release.