

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Agency: ACARA

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000707

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

ACARA: Freedom of Information - Stats

Question

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?
 - (a) How many of those requests were finalised out of time?

Answer

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has provided the following response for the period on and from Monday 14 September 2015 to the end of February 2016.

1. ACARA received two FOI requests.
2. Of these two FOI requests, one was withdrawn and the remaining one was still open. In regards to this FOI request, the 30 day window for ACARA to send its decision letters had not expired at the end of the reporting period.
3. Of the two FOI requests, none were granted an extension of time under s15AA of the FOI Act in this period.
4. Of the two FOI requests, none were granted an extension of time under s15AB of the FOI Act in this period.
 - (a) Of the two FOI requests, none were finalised out of the statutory deadline in the reporting period.