Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

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Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000418

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

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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?
- 5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?

Answer

- 1. For the period 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015 the Department received 61 requests.
- 2. 49 requests were finalised within the period 14 September 2015 to 31 December 2015.12 requests were ongoing at the end of the period. The timeframes provided for under the FOI Act were met.
- 3. Nil
- 4. Nil
- 5. Nil