

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

#### Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000579

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

#### Question

##### FWO - FoI requests

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

1. Between 14 September 2015 and 31 January 2016, the Fair Work Ombudsman has received 21 requests for documents under the FOI Act.
2. The Fair Work Ombudsman keeps records about the situations where a document is determined to be deliberative and its disclosure is determined to be contrary to the public interest, so access is refused, either in full or in part.

The agency is not required under the FOI Act or by the Australian Information Commissioner to keep or report records about when a document is determined to be deliberative and its disclosure is not determined to be contrary to the public interest and a decision is made to release the document.

3. a. Seven
- b. None.