

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0338\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**FOI Disclosure log**

The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):

The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:

1. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency: a. Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)? b. Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)? c. Facilitate access to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify). 2. If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information: a. The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision; b. The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website; c. The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]? d. What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision? 1. What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task? 3. Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)? 4. If so, please provide the following information in a table: a. On how many occasions charges have been imposed; b. The amount charged for each document c. The total amount charged; d. What is the highest charge that has been imposed.

**Answer**

The Department of Employment meets its obligations under section 11C of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act) by a request for provision arrangement, as set out in Question on Notice EM0341\_14. This arrangement has been in place since the department was established.

Since 18 September 2013, no requests have been made for copies of any documents listed on the department's disclosure log and the department has not imposed a charge for access to a document under subsection 11C(4) of the FOI Act.