

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

Department of Employment Question No. EM0343_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWO - 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 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

1.
 - a. From December 2013, all documents posted to the Disclosure Log on the agency's website are available to individuals by direct download.
 - b. All documents posted to the Disclosure Log prior to December 2013 are not available by direct download and individuals would have to contact the Fair Work Ombudsman to obtain a copy of the document.
 - c. The documents relating to one request are publically available on our website. The Disclosure Log provides a link to our website.
2. Not applicable.
3. No.
4. Not applicable.