

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0473_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & All Agencies: Freedom of Information (FOI) Staffing resources

The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act): For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?

Answer

Department of Education

The department does not keep statistics on the average FTE allocated to processing FOI requests or responding to Disclosure Log requests. FOI requests are handled by a team that is responsible for a number of functions, including FOI.

Australian Research Council

The Australian Research Council has provided the following response:

One, part time.

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency has provided a nil response, that is, only a negligible amount of FTE was allocated to processing FOI requests.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies has provided the following response:

Load and impact is too variable to quantify as FTE.

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Agency

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Agency (ACARA) has provided the following response:

ACARA's average FTE allocated to processing FOI requests is 0.45 of a Senior Project Officer role, 0.15 of the Board Secretary and 0.05 of the Director, Communications and Strategic Relations.

Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership

The Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership is not subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.