

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

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

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0494\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Dept & All Agencies: Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: 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**

**Department of Education**

The department received 31 requests under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* between 5 June 2014 and 22 October 2014. The department does not keep statistics on the number of documents determined to be deliberative.

**Australian Research Council**

The Australian Research Council has provided the following response:

1. Four
2. None
3. None

**Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency**

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) has provided the following response:

1. TEQSA received four requests under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* since the June 2014 Estimates.
2. Nil.
3. Nil.

**Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies**

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies has provided a nil response.

### **Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Agency**

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

Since Budget Estimates on 4 June 2014:

1. ACARA received 3 Freedom of Information requests for documents;
2. None have been assessed as deliberative; and
3. Not applicable.

### **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*.