

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0516_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & its agencies: Freedom of Information (FOI) - Statistics

1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date.
2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act?
3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act?
4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act?
5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?

Answer

Department of Education

Number of requests

The department received 117 requests under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) between the department's commencement on 18 September 2013 and 22 October 2014.

Finalised requests

Of the Freedom of Information (FOI) requests received and finalised, all but one were finalised within the standard timeframes provided.

Extension of time for requests

An extension of time was agreed for one FOI request under section 15AA of the FOI Act, and no extension of time was applied for under section 15AB of the FOI Act.

Requests finalised out of time

The FOI request for which an extension was agreed under section 15AA of the FOI Act was finalised within the agreed timeframe.

Australian Research Council

The Australian Research Council has provided the following response:

1. One.

2. One.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. Not applicable.

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency has provided the following response.

1. Six.
2. Six.
3. Nil.
4. Nil.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

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

1. 4 requests.
2. 3 requests.
3. 0 requests.
4. 1 request.
5. 0 requests.

Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Agency

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

1. 10 FOI requests received between 7 September 2013 to date.
2. 9 requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act. In relation to the 10th matter, the Applicant agreed to a staggered release. There were 2 documents. By agreement:
 - the first document was released within the 30 day window provided by section 15AA.
 - the second document was released outside this 30 day window.
3. Zero.
4. Zero.
5. Part of one request. See answer 2 above.

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*.