

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

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

**Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0968\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**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**

1. The department is required to report quarterly and annual statistics under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC). Since the Budget Estimates hearing, the department has compiled and reported statistics to OAIC for the periods 1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014 (Quarter 4) and 1 July 2014 to 30 September 2014 (Quarter 1). In Quarter 4 the department received 47 FOI requests and a further 59 requests were received in Quarter 1.
2. Two
3. a) Two  
b) One