

Parliament of Australia Parliamentary Budget Office

REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ON PBO COSTING STATISTICS AND STAFFING DATA

AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2013

Requests from Parliamentarians for policy costings, other analyses and information relating to the Budget

	Requests Received Outside the Caretaker Period				Caretaker		
	2012		2013		Costing	All	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Requests	
Requests	Received f	rom Parlia	mentary Pa	rties			
Total Requests Received	32	165	69	345	309	85	1,005
Requests Withdrawn or Lapsed at Election	-	6	3	67	26	-	102
Number of Requests Completed	32	159	66	278	283	85	903
Average Time to Completion (business days)	54.6	43.4	24.9	24.2	8.7	2.2	21.8
Requests Rec	ceived from	n Individua	al Parliamer	ntarians			
Total Requests Received	-	-	6	5	1	-	12
Number of Requests Completed	-	-	6	5	1	-	12
Average Time to Completion (business days)	-	-	26.2	11.8	11.0	-	18.9

Table 1. Requests from Parliamentarians and PBO responsiveness

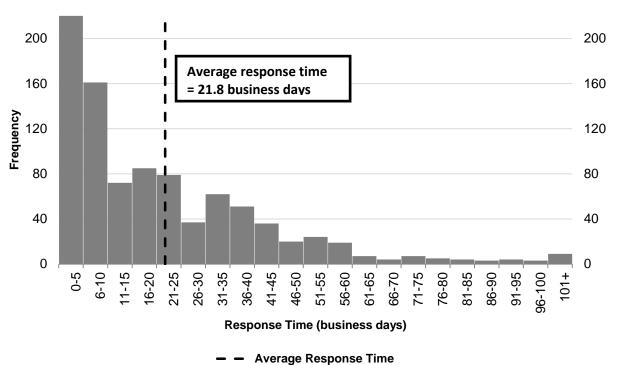


Figure 1. Response Times for Completed Requests

Requests by PBO for information from Commonwealth bodies

Date	Requests Sent	Responded <u>By</u> Due Date	Responded <u>After</u> Due Date	Average Lateness for Received Requests	Requests Outstanding (overdue)	Average Days Overdue for Currently Overdue Requests
2012	85	43 (51 %)	42 (49 %)	3.4 business days	0 (0)	-
2013 Q1	100	35 (36 %)	63 (64 %)	8.2 business days	2 (2)	147.5 business days
2013 Q2	175	75 (43 %)	99 (57 %)	4.9 business days	1 (1)	68.0 business days
2013 Q3	234	126 (54 %)	106 (46 %)	1.5 business days	2 (2)	53.5 business days
2013 Q4	4	1 (33 %)	2 (67 %)	1.7 business days	1 (1)	4.0 business days
Total	598	280 (47 %)	312 (53 %)	3.9 business days	6 (6)	79.0 business days

Table 2. PBO information requests and responsiveness of Commonwealth bodies

* Numbers of requests sent exclude requests that were subsequently withdrawn.

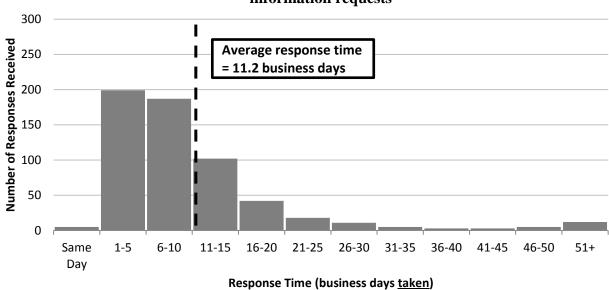
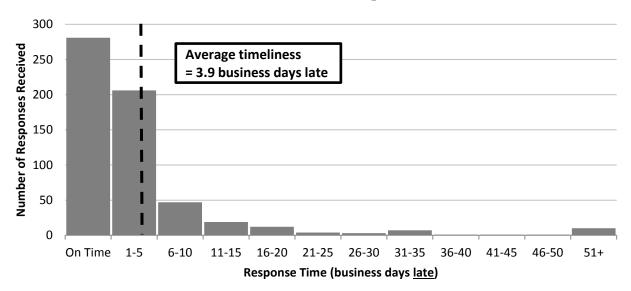


Figure 2. Commonwealth bodies response time for completed information requests

Figure 3. Timeliness of completed response by Commonwealth bodies to PBO information requests



PBO permanent staff by function and employment level

Table 5. PBO permanent start by fur	iction and en	pioyment	level		
	PBO Executive	Budget Analysis Division	Fiscal Policy and Analysis Division	Corporate Strategy Branch*	Total
Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO)	1	-	-	-	1
Senior Executive Service Band 2 (SES B2)	-	1	1	-	2
Senior Executive Service Band 1 (SES B1)	-	2	1	1	4
Parliamentary Executive Level 2 (PEL2)	-	4	1	1	6
Parliamentary Executive Level 1 (PEL1)	-	8	4	2	14
Parliamentary Service Level 6 (PSL6)	1	2	2	-	5
Parliamentary Service Level 4 (PSL4)	-	1	1	1	3
Total Staff	2	18	10	5	35

Table 3. PBO permanent staff by function and employment level

* Includes recruitment approvals for staff commencing on 21 November 2013.

