

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### **(BE14/532) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received?

If yes, provide a table setting out the following information:

1. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted;
2. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted;
3. The purpose of the consultation;
4. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension;
5. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension
6. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office

*Answer:*

The Minister's office is consulted when documents fall within the scope of a request relating to the functions of the Minister's office as a separate FOI entity.

The portfolio provides regular written briefings to the Minister's office that gives a summary of the status of significant FOI requests currently on hand across the portfolio.

Provision of further detail would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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