Parliament of Australia

Parliamentary Budget Office

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

AS AT 17 MAY 2013

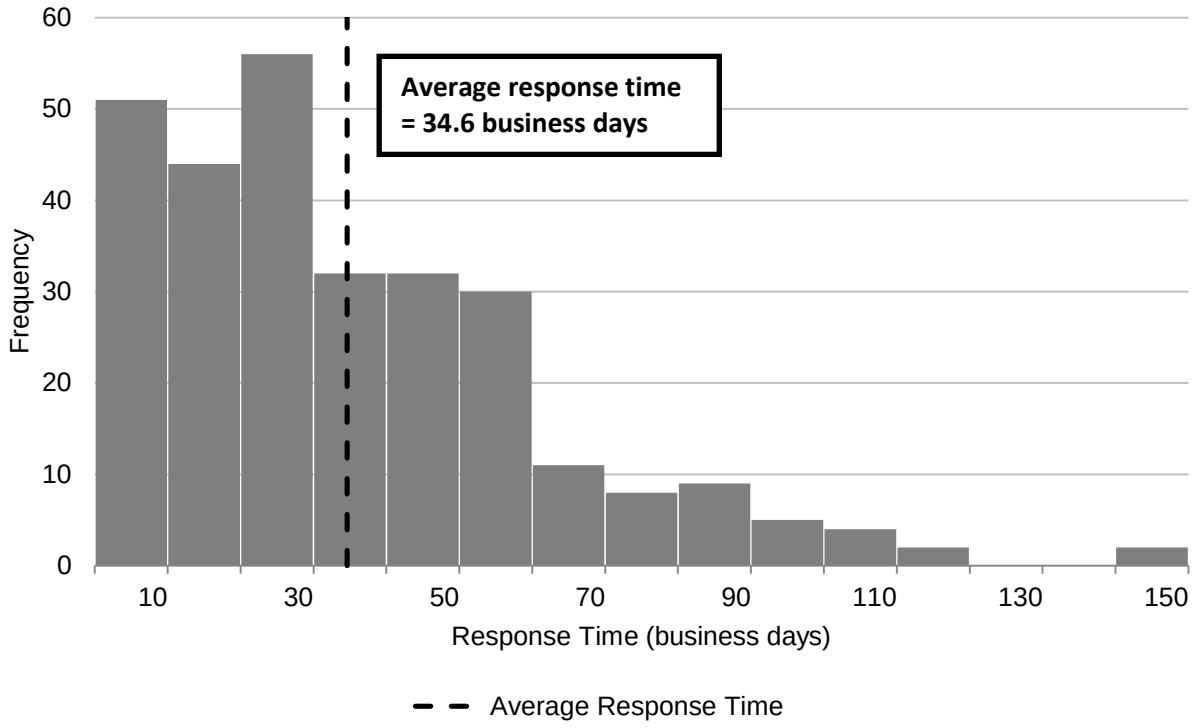
Requests from Parliamentarians for policy costings, other analyses and information relating to the Budget

Table 1. Requests from Parliamentarians and PBO responsiveness

	Date Request Received			All
	2012	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	
Requests Received from Parties				
Total Requests Received	191	67	160	418
Number of Requests Completed	189	59	32	280
Average Time to Completion (business days)	44	20	15	35
Number of Requests Outstanding	2	8	128	138
Average Time Elapsed Since Receipt (business days)	123	45	15	19
Requests Received from Individual Parliamentarians				
Total Requests Received	-	6	1	7
Number of Requests Completed	-	5	1	6
Average Time to Completion (business days)	-	17	3	15
Number of Requests Outstanding	-	1	-	1
Average Time Elapsed Since Receipt (business days)	-	48	-	48

The table above excludes requests that have subsequently been withdrawn.

Figure 1. Response Times for Completed Requests



Requests by PBO for information from Commonwealth bodies

Table 2. PBO information requests and responsiveness of Commonwealth bodies

Date	Requests Sent	Responded By Due Date	Responded After Due Date	Average Timeliness (business days)	Requests Outstanding (and of these # overdue)
2012	85	43 (51 %)	42 (49 %)	3.4 late	0 (0)
2013 Q1	102	35 (37 %)	59 (63 %)	4.1 late	8 (8)
2013 Q2	132	26 (74 %)	9 (26 %)	1.7 early	97 (3)
Total	**319**	**104 (49 %)**	**110 (51 %)**	**2.9 late**	**105 (11)**

Figure 2. Commonwealth bodies response time for completed information requests

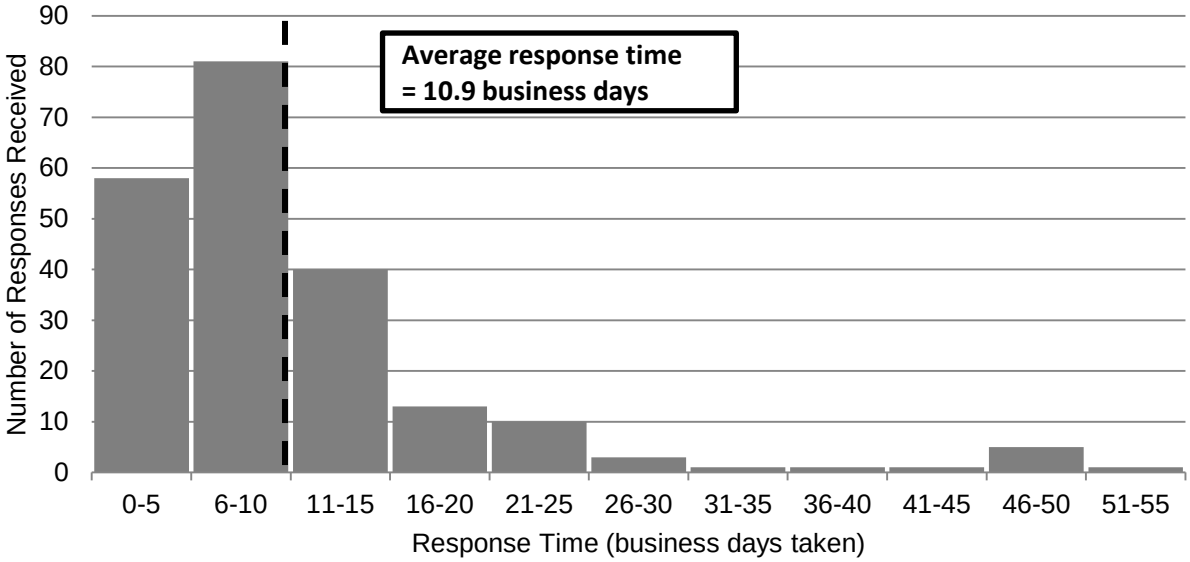
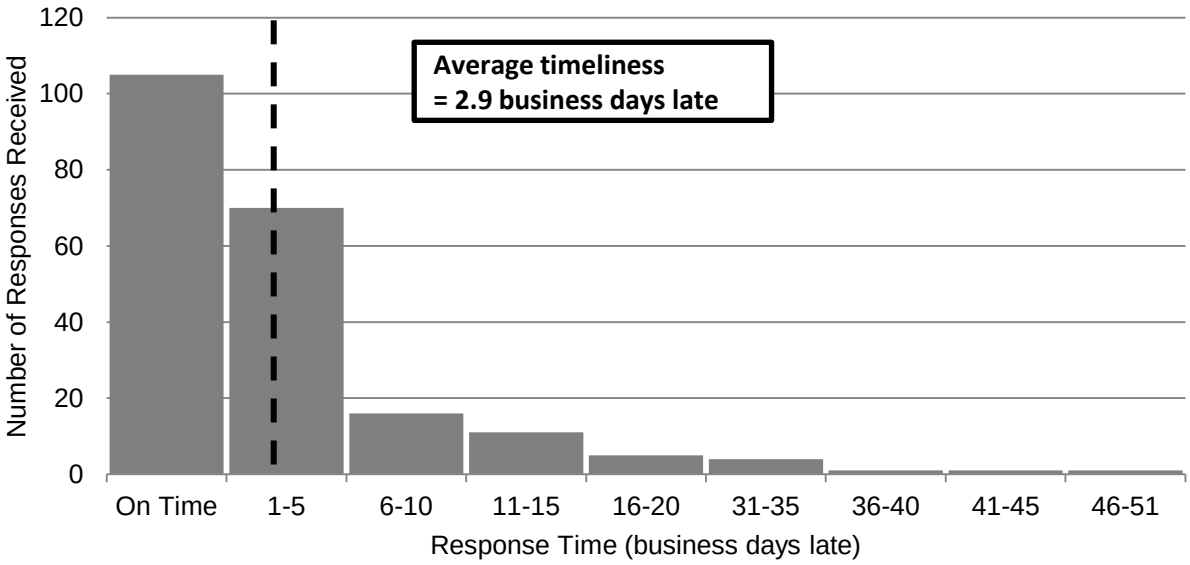
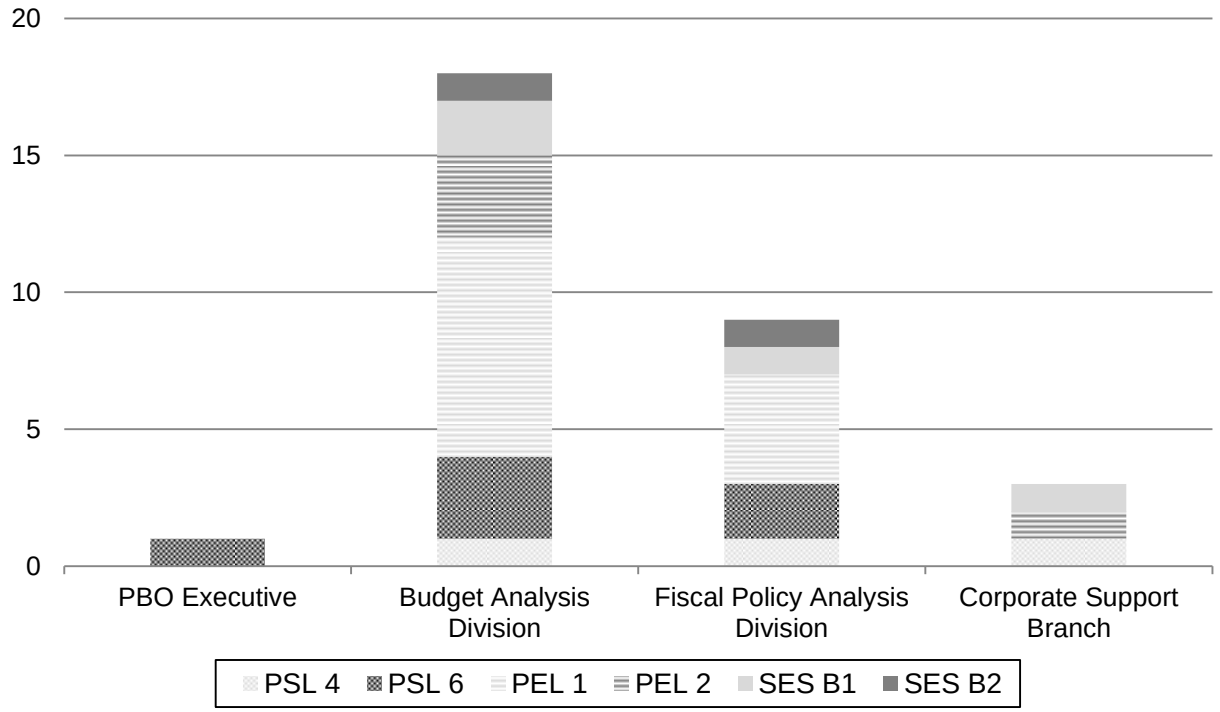


Figure 3. Timeliness of response by Commonwealth bodies to PBO information requests



PBO permanent staff by function and employment level (excludes the Parliamentary Budget Officer)

Figure 4. PBO staff by function and level



PSL4 – Parliamentary Service Level 4	3
PSL6 – Parliamentary Service Level 6	6
PEL1 – Parliamentary Executive Level 1	12
PEL2 – Parliamentary Executive Level 2	4
SES B1 – Senior Executive Service Band 1	4 (One acting)
SES B2 – Senior Executive Service Band 2	2
Total staff	31