



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department

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Attorney-General's Department's response to a Question on Notice

Question:

How many telecommunications industry personnel have security clearances, allowing them to engage with Government at higher classification levels?

Security cleared personnel within the telecommunications industry are predominantly employed by the top 20 providers. Within this group, large carriers have at least five security cleared staff, while small to medium providers typically have 1-2 security cleared staff.

To enable engagement with telecommunications providers that don't have security cleared staff, other mechanisms can be used to share sensitive information, such as non-disclosure agreements.