

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

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Topic: FOI Requests

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Senator Joe Ludwig asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

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:

The Department of Social Services provides the following answer to the honourable Senator's question in the table below:

Since 14 September 2015	As at 8 February 2016
FOI requests received	57*
Requests where documents were determined to contain deliberative material	0
Documents containing deliberative material in which access has been refused as contrary to public interest (i.e. exempt in full under s.47C)	0
Documents containing deliberative material where redactions have been applied (i.e. documents partially released under s.47C)	0

*Of these, 9 requests were transferred to other agencies and 5 had not yet been determined.