

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Freedom of Information - Stats

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Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

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

1. How many FOI requests were received to date.
2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act?
3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act?
4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act?
5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?

Answer:

1. The Department of Health received 113 requests for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act) during the period 14 September 2015 to 29 February 2016.
2. 84 requests were finalised by the Department during this period.
3. Under section 15AA of the Act the Department obtained 12 extensions of time.
4. The Department made no requests for extension under section 15AB of the Act.
5. No requests were finalised by the Department outside of statutory timeframes during this period.