

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 5-6 JUNE 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Freedom of Information - Requests

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Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

- a) How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt?
- b) Of those, how many were:
 - i) released in full;
 - ii) released in part;
 - iii) refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest; or
 - iv) other (please specify).

Answer:

- a) – b) It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources for the department to review all decisions on freedom of information requests to determine in each case how many documents within the scope of each request were assessed as conditionally exempt.