

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Freedom of Information Requests

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Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since 7 September 2013:

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:

1. 269.
2. The Department of Health does not maintain statistical records about the number of documents determined to be deliberative documents. Our records show however that 29 of these 269 requests involved refusal of access in whole or in part on the basis these were deliberative documents.
3.
 - a) All deliberative documents to which access was refused were refused on the basis that disclosure would be contrary to the public interest.
 - b) The Department does not have a record of the number of redacted documents that have been provided.