

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 139

Topic: Freedom of Information - Stats

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 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. There have been 175 FOI requests received by the Department between 18 September 2013 (the date DSS was created) and 30 September 2014 (including requests subsequently withdrawn or transferred).
2. 99 requests were finalised on time.
3. 20 requests were extended through agreement with the applicant under s.15AA of the FOI Act.
4. 5 requests were extended through application to the Information Commissioner under s.15AB of the FOI Act.
5. 4 decisions were finalised outside of time.