

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
Additional Estimates Hearings February 2016
Communications Portfolio
Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 219(a)

Program 1.1

Topic: FoI Requests

Senator Ludwig, Joe 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:

As at 19 February 2016:

1. 32.
2. 21, relating to 4 requests.
- 3(a). 19 refused in full; 2 refused in part.
- 3(b) 2.