

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee**
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since September 7, 2013:

- a) How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?
- b) Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?
- c) Of those assessed as deliberative documents:
- d) For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?
- e) For how many has a redacted document been provided?

Answer:

Department of the Environment

- a) The Department received 100 FOI requests between 7 September 2013 and 26 May 2014.
- b) Two deliberative documents were identified within the scope of the 100 requests.
- c) Of the two assessed deliberative documents:
- d) Both were refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest.
- e) Not applicable

Bureau of Meteorology

- a) The Bureau of Meteorology received nine FOI requests between 7 September 2013 and 26 May 2014.
- b) No documents were identified as deliberative.
- c) Not applicable
- d) Not applicable
- e) Not applicable

Clean Energy Regulator

- a) The Clean Energy Regulator received 11 FOI requests between 7 September 2013 and 26 May 2014.
- b) No document was determined to be the sort of document to which the deliberative processes conditional exemption in section 47C applies.
- c) Not applicable
- d) Not applicable
- e) Not applicable

Climate Change Authority

- a) The Climate Change Authority received one FOI request between 7 September 2013 and 26 May 2014.
- b) No documents were identified as deliberative.
- c) Not applicable
- d) Not applicable
- e) Not applicable

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

- a) The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority received 14 FOI requests between 7 September 2013 and 26 May 2014.
- b) 60 deliberative documents were identified within the scope of the 14 requests.
- c) All of the 60 documents:
- d) All 60 documents were refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest.
- e) Not applicable

Murray Darling Basin Authority

- a) The Murray Darling Basin Authority received three FOI requests between 7 September 2013 and 26 May 2014.
- b) No documents were identified as deliberative.
- c) Not applicable
- d) Not applicable
- e) Not applicable

National Water Commission

- a) The National Water Commission did not receive any requests for documents under the FOI Act between 7 September 2013 and 26 May 2014.
- b) Not applicable
- c) Not applicable
- d) Not applicable
- e) Not applicable

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

- a) The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust received three FOI requests between 7 September 2013 and 26 May 2014.
- b) No documents were identified as deliberative.
- c) Not applicable
- d) Not applicable
- e) Not applicable