

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 68**

**Program No. 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Freedom of Information - Stats**

**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?

**Answers:**

1. 64 requests were received under the FOI Act during financial year 2013-14. 15 requests have been received to date in financial year 2014-2015.
- 2.-5. It would be an unreasonable diversion of the Department's resources to answer these questions. Timeframes for processing of requests are recorded in the quarterly FOI statistical return provided to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.