

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

**Question No:** 341  
**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** General Counsel  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - RELEASE OF  
CONDITIONALLY EXEMPT DOCUMENTS  
**Hansard Page:** N/A  
**Question Date:** 29 October 2014  
**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

The following question relate to the period from 18 September 2013:

How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt?

Of those, how many were:

- a. Released in full
- b. Released in part
- c. Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest
- d. Other (please specify)

**Answer:**

***Department of the Environment (including the Director of National Parks)***

The Department of the Environment assessed 418 documents as conditionally exempt in the period from 18 September 2013 to 30 September 2014.

- a. Documents that are initially considered conditionally exempt and then released in full is not a category reported to the Information Commissioner, as such this information is not kept. Due to the significant number of documents captured in FOI requests to the Department it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to review each document.
- b. 395 documents.
- c. 23 documents.
- d. N/A.

***National Water Commission***

The National Water Commission had no documents assessed as conditionally exempt in the period 18 September 2013 to 30 September 2014.

- a. – d. N/A.

### ***Clean Energy Regulator***

The Clean Energy Regulator assessed 28 documents as conditionally exempt in the period from 18 September 2013 to 30 September 2014.

- a. None were released in full.
- b. 28 were released in part.
- c. None were refused access.
- d. N/A.

### ***Sydney Harbour Federation Trust***

The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust assessed 1 document as conditionally exempt in the period from 18 September 2013 to 30 September 2014.

- a. None were released in full.
- b. 1 document was released in part.
- c. None were refused in full.
- d. N/A.

### ***Murray-Darling Basin Authority***

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority had no documents assessed as conditionally exempt in the period 18 September 2013 to 30 September 2014.

- a) - d) N/A.

### ***Climate Change Authority***

The Climate Change Authority had no documents assessed as conditionally exempt in the period 18 September 2013 to 30 September 2014.

- a. - d. N/A.

### ***Bureau of Meteorology***

The Bureau of Meteorology assessed 7 documents as conditionally exempt in the period from 18 September 2013 to 30 September 2014.

- a. Nil.
- b. Nil.
- c. 7 documents refused in full.
- d. N/A.

### ***Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority***

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority assessed 84 documents as conditionally exempt in the period from 18 September 2013 to 30 September 2014.

- a. 18 documents were released in full.
- b. 44 documents were released in part.
- c. Access was refused to 22 documents on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest.
- d. N/A.