

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

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Senator Ludwig asked:

How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date.

- a. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act?
- b. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act?
- c. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act?
- d. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?

Answer:

The National Water Commission did not receive any FOI requests since 7 September 2013.

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

- a. Since 7 September 2013 the Department received 153 FOI requests.
- b. 143 requests were finalised within regular timeframes under the FOI Act.
- c. 6 were extended under s15AA.
- d. 1 was extended under s15AB.
- e. 3 were finalised out of time.

Clean Energy Regulator

Since 7 September 2013 the Clean Energy Regulator received 15 FOI requests.

- a. All requests finalised within regular timeframes.
- b. Nil.
- c. Nil.
- d. Nil.
- e. N/A.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

- a. Since 7 September 2013 the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust received 4 FOI requests.
- b. All requests finalised within regular timeframes.
- c. Nil.
- d. Nil.
- e. N/A.

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

- a. Since 7 September 2013 the Murray-Darling Basin Authority received 4 FOI requests.
- b. 3 requests were finalised within regular timeframes.
- c. 1 was extended under s15AA.
- d. Nil.
- e. N/A.

Climate Change Authority

- a. Since 7 September 2013 the Climate Change Authority received 1 FOI request.
- b. The request was finalised within the regular timeframe.
- c. Nil.
- d. Nil.
- e. N/A.

Bureau of Meteorology

- a. Since 7 September 2013 the Bureau of Meteorology received 13 FOI requests since.
- b. 10 requests were finalised within regular timeframes.
- c. 3 were extended under s15AA.
- d. Nil.
- e. N/A.

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

- a. Since 7 September 2013 the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority received 11 FOI requests.
- b. 10 were finalised within regular timeframes.
- c. 1 was granted an extension of time under s15AA.
- d. Nil.
- e. N/A.