

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

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, how many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?

- a. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?
- b. Of those assessed as deliberative documents:
 - i. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?
 - ii. For how many has a redacted document been provided?

Answer:

The National Water Commission and Climate Change Authority have not received any FOI requests since June 2014.

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

The Department of the Environment has received 48 FOI requests since June 2014.

- a. Two documents were determined as deliberative in one FOI request.
- b. Of the two documents assessed as deliberative:
 - i. Access was refused to both documents.
 - ii. Not applicable.

Clean Energy Regulator

The Clean Energy Regulator has received five FOI requests since June 2014.

- a. Nil.
- b. Not applicable.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

1. The Sydney Harbour Federation Trust has received one FOI request since June 2014.

- a. Nil.
- b. Not applicable

Murray-Darling Basin Authority

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority has received one FOI request since June 2014.

- a. Nil.
- b. Not applicable.

Bureau of Meteorology

The Bureau of Meteorology has received four FOI requests since June 2014.

- a. Nil.
- b. Not applicable

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has received four FOI requests since June 2014.

- a. Two documents were determined to be deliberative. Both documents were released in full.
- b. Not applicable.