

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Freedom of Information – Stats

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Ludwig

QUESTION No.: AI-102

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How many FOI requests were received 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?

ANSWER

1. The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (the department) received 37 requests for documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) in the period 14 September 2015 to 23 February 2016.
2. Of the 37 requests received, the department finalised 31 requests as at 23 February 2016. Of the 31 requests finalised, 29 requests were finalised within the standard timeframes provided for under the FOI Act.
3. Of the 31 requests finalised, 2 extensions of time were obtained under s 15AA of the FOI Act.
4. There were no extensions of time obtained under s 15AB of the FOI Act.
5. Both requests granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act were finalised within time.