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Question: AET 3279-3281
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Question:

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

3279. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?
3280. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?
3281. Of those assessed as deliberative documents:
- a) For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?
 - b) For how many has a redacted document been provided

Answer:

As of 15 March 2016

3279. 122 requests were received during the period 14 September 2015 – 3 March 2016

3280. Of the requests processed that have relied upon the deliberative process exemption, 49 documents were assessed as deliberative

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- a) As the s47C exemption is a conditional exemption a finding that this exemption applies to a document necessarily involves a finding that release of the document is contrary to the public interest.

Of the 49 documents assessed as deliberative, 46 were refused on the basis that release would be contrary to the public interest

- b) Of the 49 documents assessed as deliberative, 3 were released with redactions