

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ABS

Question: 970-973

Topic: FOI

Reference: written - 30 October 2015

Senator: Wong, Penny

Question:

Since 1 January 2015:

970. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?
971. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?
972. 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?
973. How many requests to Ministerial offices has the Department/agency managed on their behalf? Please detail.
- a) How many officials and how many hours have been spent working on each FOI request?
 - b) Who was the decision-maker in each case?
 - c) For each case, did the Minister/Minister's office disagree with advice from Treasury? Why?

Answer:

970. 13.
971. 15 (Please note: all documents relate to one FOI request).
- 972a. 11 (Please note: additional exemptions were relevant in the decision to refuse access).
- 972b. 4.
- 973a. None.
- 973b. Not applicable.
- 973c. Not applicable.