

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Agency - Comcare

Department of Employment Question No. EM1146_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Comcare - Freedom of Information - Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister

The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act): 1. Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? 2. If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: a. The Department or Agency which was consulted; b. The document; c. The purpose of the consultation; d. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension 3. Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received? 4. If yes, provide a table setting out the following information: a. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted; b. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted; c. The purpose of the consultation; d. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension f. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office.

Answer

Please refer to Question on Notice EM0324_15 from Budget Estimates for related information up to 17 June 2014.

The following information is for the period 18 June 2014 to 31 October 2014.

1. Yes
2. Refer to table below
3. No
4. No

The data in this table is provided for the period 18 June 2014 to 31 October 2014

2(a) Dept/Agency/ Licensee (L) consulted	2(b) the document/s consulted on	2(c) the purpose of the consultation	2(d) extension sought from applicant		2(e) extension sought from Information Commissioner	
			Granted (Y/N)	Length of extension	Granted (Y/N)	Length of extension
ARPANSA	MOU between ARPANSA and Comcare	To seek comments as to whether the documents should be released under the FOI Act (including specific exemptions claimed and why)	Not sought	N/A	Not sought	N/A
Dept of Industry	Documents relating to the Special Administrative Scheme for compensation for Australian Nuclear Testing participants	To seek comments as to whether the documents should be released under the FOI Act (including specific exemptions claimed and why)	Not sought	N/A	Not sought	N/A
Dept of Employment	Document in relation to prevention of workplace bullying	To seek comments as to whether the documents should be released under the FOI Act (including specific exemptions claimed and why)	Not sought	N/A	Not sought	N/A
Dept of Defence	Documents in relation to a claimant for compensation	To seek comments as to whether the documents should be released under the FOI Act (including specific exemptions claimed and why)	Not sought	N/A	Not sought	N/A

Australian Federal Police	Documents in relation to a Federal Police investigation	To seek comments as to whether the documents should be released under the FOI Act (including specific exemptions claimed and why)	Not sought	N/A	Not sought	N/A
Australian Federal Police	Documents in relation to an injured worker's claim for compensation	To seek comments as to whether the documents should be released under the FOI Act (including specific exemptions claimed and why)	Not sought	N/A	Not sought	N/A
Australian Federal Police	Documents in relation to an injured worker's claim for compensation	To seek comments as to whether the documents should be released under the FOI Act (including specific exemptions claimed and why)	Not sought	N/A	Not sought	N/A
Dept of Environment	Documents in relation to a Comcare audit of WHS in the Dept of Environment and documents relating to premium costs	To seek comments as to whether the documents should be released under the FOI Act (including specific exemptions claimed and why)	Y	One day	Not sought	N/A