

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

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Department of Employment Question No. EM1304_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

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1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 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 has received 216 FOI requests between 18 September 2013 and 30 September 2014.
2. With the exception of one request, all FOI requests were processed within the standard statutory timeframes.
3. In relation to one FOI request, an extension under s. 15AA of the FOI Act was agreed upon between the department and the applicant.
4. Nil.
5. Nil - the matter was processed within the agreed extended period.