

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

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Question No. AE15/077

Senator Rhiannon asked the following written question from the 24 February and 27 March 2015 hearings:

1. Please supply figures for use of FOI and appeals to FOI decisions for each month in 2014.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

In general, FOI statistical information is reported and recorded on a quarterly basis. On the information that is currently available:

(a) the number of FOI requests for 2014 is

1 January 2014 to 31 March 2014	8,887
1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014	7,419
1 July 2014 to 30 September 2014	6,886
1 October to 31 December 2014	3,042*

*Some agencies have not reported their figures for this quarter.

(b) the number of requests for review by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

1 January 2014 to 31 March 2014	121
1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014	128
July 2014	33
August 2014	38
September 2014	23
October 2014	34
November 2014	21
December 2014	44

(c) the number of applications to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for review of decisions made under the FOI Act

1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014	35
1 July 2014 to 31 December 2014	41
1 January 2015 to 30 April 2015	16