

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

**Program: Portfolio**

**Question No. AE16/132**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 9 February 2016:**

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

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

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

1. Under section 93 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* Australian Government ministers and most agencies are required to submit statistical data about the freedom of information requests that they received during the year. That statistical data is published for each financial year on the website of the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner. To attempt to provide these statistics for the whole portfolio for a different time period would involve unreasonable diversion of the resources of the Attorney-General's Department and portfolio agencies.
- 2-3. This information is not reported under the Freedom of Information Act and to provide it would be an unreasonable diversion of the resources of the Attorney-General's Department and portfolio agencies.