

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(AE16/143) - Freedom of Information - stats - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Ludwig, Joe (L&CA) written:

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

1. How many FOI requests were received 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. Between 14 September 2015 and 29 February 2016 the Department received a total of 10,496 requests under the FOI Act. (This figure includes all requests received by the Department under section 48 of the FOI Act for amendment or annotation of personal records).

2. The Department finalised 6,729 requests between 14 September 2015 and 29 February 2016 within statutory timeframes.

The Department's records system does not allow it to report on how many of the 10,496 requests at question one were specifically finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act. This also applies to questions three to five.

3. Between the period 14 September 2015 to 29 February 2016, a total of 2,083 extensions of time were granted under section 15AA of the FOI Act.

4. Between the period 14 September 2015 and 29 February 2016, a total of 10 extensions of time were granted under section 15AB of the FOI Act.

5. Of the FOI requests finalised between 14 September 2015 and 29 February 2016, a total of 3,229 requests were finalised outside statutory timeframes.