

## **QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

### **BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014**

#### **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO**

#### **(BE14/490) PROGRAMME – Internal Product**

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

Since September 7, 2013:

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?

*Answer:*

1. A total of 10 089 FOI access requests were received between 7 September 2013 and 31 May 2014.
2. It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to identify the number of documents determined to be deliberative documents from each decision that was issued across the portfolio.

The deliberative exemption under s.47C of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* was used in six (6) decisions where no documents were released and in 102 decisions where some documents were released.

3. (a) In all 108 decisions it was determined that it would be contrary to the public interest to grant access to the documents, or parts thereof, that attracted consideration of s.47C.  
  
(b) It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to identify the number of redacted documents provided.