

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 OCTOBER 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE14/258) PROGRAMME –

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt?

a. Of those, how many were:

i.. Released in full

ii. Released in part

iii. Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest

iv. Other (please specify)

Answer:

Between the period 27 May to 20 October 2014 a total of 5,651 FOI access requests were finalised across the portfolio. Neither agency within the portfolio separately records the number of documents released under each conditional exemption.

Statistics are maintained for the purposes of reporting to the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner on the types of exemptions claimed. Those statistics only record each type of exemption once for each request finalised, even if the type was used multiple times in relation to that request.

It would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to extract that information from each decision issued during the timeframes requested.