

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
OFFICE OF THE AUSTRALIAN INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

**Question No. SBE15/060**

**Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 20 October 2015:**

1. Has the OAIC published any guidelines on the FOI implications of the use of apps such as wickr and slack for the transmission of official communications or creation and storage of official documents, pursuant to its powers under section 93A(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 1982?
  - a. If not, does the OAIC intend to issue such guidelines?
2. Has the OAIC provided any advice to any agency or Department of State about this issue?
  - a. If so, please list the relevant agencies or Departments.
  - b. If so, can a copy of that advice please be provided?
3. Has the OAIC published any guidelines on the FOI implications of the use of non-government email accounts for the transmission of official communications, pursuant to its powers under section 93A(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 1982?
  - a. If not, does the OAIC intend to issue such guidelines?
4. Has the OAIC provided any advice to any agency or Department of State about this issue? If so, please list the relevant agencies or Departments.
  - a. If so, can a copy of that advice please be provided?
5. Has the OAIC published any guidelines on the FOI implications of the use of private servers to store official documents, pursuant to its powers under section 93A(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 1982?
  - a. If not, does the OAIC intend to issue such guidelines?
6. Has the OAIC provided any advice to any agency or Department of State about this issue? If so, please list the relevant agencies or Departments.
  - a. If so, can a copy of that advice please be provided?

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

1. No.
  - a. No.
2. No.
3. No.
4. No.
5. No.
6. No.