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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by Ms Yvette Berry MLA on 26 June 2014: Mr Simon Corbell MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: FOI requests  
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**MS BERRY:** Thank you. Attorney, is FOIs—freedom of information—is that under the protection of rights? Is that a question I can ask here?

**Mr Corbell:** Yes, it is a piece of legislation that I have responsibility for, yes.

**MS BERRY:** I wonder if you could let the committee know how many FOI requests did the ACT government receive in the last reporting period? I am happy for you to take that on notice if the information can be provided and are you able to give a breakdown of the categories?

**Mr Corbell:** Categories in what respect, Ms Berry?

**MS BERRY:** Well, maybe perhaps relating to different departmental portfolios. I am not sure is it kept in breakdowns, I do not know?

**Mr Corbell:** Yes, we can provide that figure and a breakdown according to which portfolio or which directorate has had responsibility for it. I will take that on notice.

**MS BERRY:** Thank you. Are you going to take that one on notice?

**Mr Corbell:** Yes.

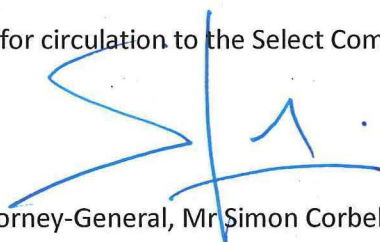
Mr Simon Corbell MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

During 2012-2013, the ACT Government received a total of 599 requests under section 14 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1989*. A breakdown of the FOI requests received by each portfolio during the last reporting period is provided below.

Agency	No of Requests Received
Auditor-General's Office	1
<b>Chief Minister and Treasury Portfolio</b>	
Chief Minister and Treasury Directorate	23
ACT Long Service Leave Authority	0
<b>Commerce and Works Portfolio</b>	
ACT Revenue (including Shared Services)	21
<b>Education and Training Portfolio</b>	
Education and Training Directorate	37
CIT	6
University of Canberra	6
ACT Building and Construction Industry Training Fund	0
<b>Community Services Portfolio</b>	
Community Services Directorate	148
Cultural Facilities Corporation	3
<b>Health Portfolio</b>	
Health Directorate	38
<b>Territory and Municipal Services Portfolio</b>	
Territory and Municipal Services Directorate	64
<b>Economic Development Portfolio</b>	
Economic Development	25
Exhibition Park in Canberra	0
ACT Gambling and Racing Commission	0
Land Development Agency	5
<b>Justice and Community Safety Portfolio</b>	
Justice and Community Safety Directorate	121
<b>Environment and Sustainable Development Portfolio</b>	
Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate (including ACT Planning and Land Authority)	101

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