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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Peter Cain MLA on Tuesday, 30 August 2022: Daniel Ng, Acting Executive Group Manager, Legislation, Policy and Programs and Chris Steel MLA, Special Minister of State took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

MR CAIN: Come back to that, yes. So how many staff across ACT Public Service are working as FOI officers in three different categories, full time, part time, and casual?

Mr Steel: Do you want to take that one?

Mr Ng: Mr Cain, I would have to take that on notice, I am not sure that I have ready access to a kind of, staff lay out of all of the FOI processing teams across government but it may be something that I would be able to achieve for you on notice.

MR CAIN: Okay, thank you. Supplementary, Chair. As far as the staff breakdown of FOI officers, could you also do that according to those areas where we do seem to have problems and that is CSD, EPSDD, TCCS and CMTEDD.

Mr Steel: I think we can break it—probably break that down by agency but I also note that there was, of course, an increase of 12 FTE in 21-22, I understand, to support the work of CSD. And we can have a further breakdown.

Chris Steel MLA, Special Minister of State: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –


There are 37 staff across the ACT Public Service that are employed, at least in part, for the purposes of processing requests received under the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (FOI Act). These staff may be responsible for fulfilling other functions for part of their hours or in some instances elect to work part time. The below table represents the proportion of FTE currently dedicated to FOI processing in each directorate.

Directorate/Agency	Full time equivalent FOI staff
ACT Health Directorate / Canberra Health Services	3
Canberra Institute of Technology	1.2
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate	3.5
Community Services Directorate	16
Education Directorate	3.1
Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development	3.5

Justice and Community Safety Directorate	2
Major Projects Canberra	0.5
Transport Canberra and City Services	3

In addition to the above staff, FOI draws on the broader resources of each directorate in identifying and retrieving relevant information and deciding on its release.

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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA