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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by **MR MARK PARTON MLA** on 28 July 2023: **MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH** (Families and Community Services) took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: *For the FY 2022-2023, what is the profile of FOI applicants?*

THE CHAIR: So I guess the final question that I had on that is, help me to understand, if you can, you talk about 80 applications in that financial year, 22-23, what is the applicant profile look like? Because like, I do not know, when I talk about FOIs, you know, and when I think about FOIs I think about us, you know, lobbying grenades from over there and I think about journalists. But this is far wider than that, is it not?

Ms Wood: Yes. We could take that on notice, Mr Parton—

THE CHAIR: Yes.

Ms Wood: —to give you a bit of a profile.

THE CHAIR: Of what you—

Ms Stephen-Smith: But I think it is fair to say that the majority are clients or former clients—

THE CHAIR: Yes.

Ms Stephen-Smith: —or lawyers on behalf of former clients through a redress process.

THE CHAIR: All right.

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: —

The below table outlines the profile of the 88 applications the CSD FOI team completed in 2022-23.

Applicant	TOTAL	Child and Youth Protection	Youth Justice	Public Housing	Growth and Renewal	Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs	CSD Data and Statistics	CSD Executive Correspondence and Emails	CSD Ministerial Documents (briefs and correspondence)	Applications transferred to another ACT Gov portfolio
Law firm (on behalf of client)	27	14	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
CSD client	43	16	0	15	4	0	0	8	0	0
Member of the public	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Media	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
MLA	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	0
Other agency	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Total	88	30	9	20	5	1	2	8	13	0

*Highlighted cells indicate a request for personal information

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By the Minister for Families and Community Services, Rachel Stephen-Smith MLA