



Parliament of Australia
Parliamentary Budget Office

**REPORT TO THE SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ON PBO
COSTING STATISTICS AND STAFFING DATA**

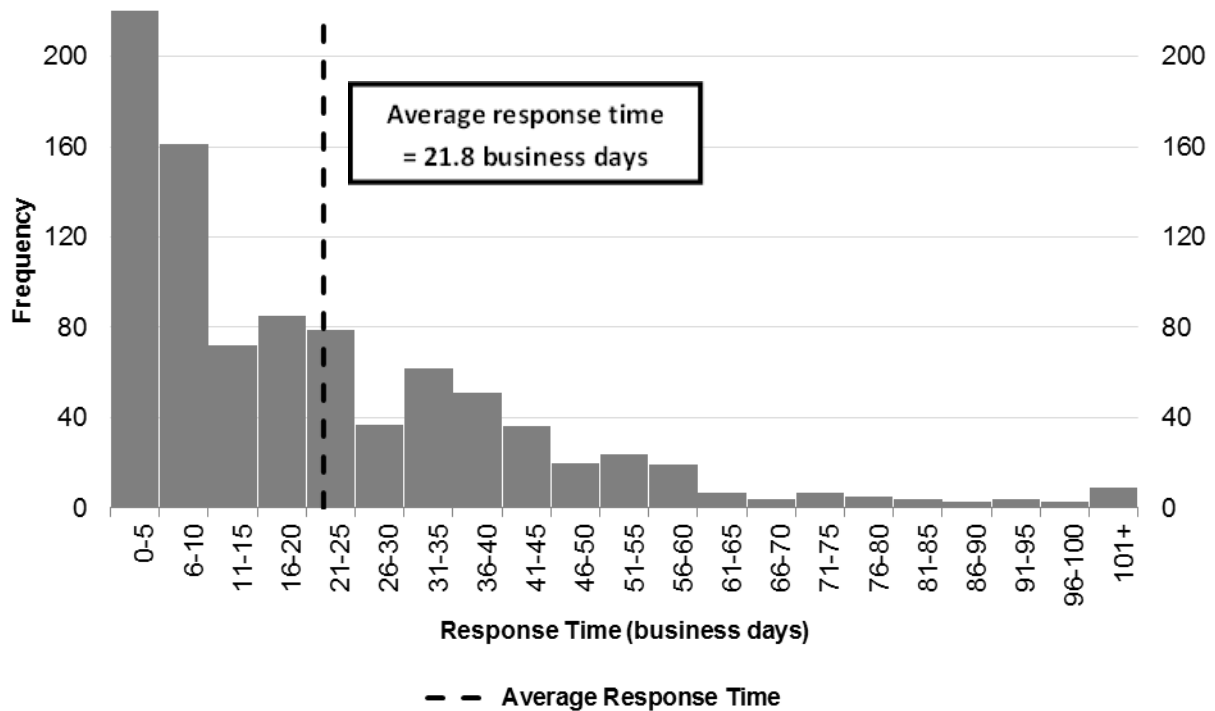
AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2013

Requests from Parliamentarians for policy costings, other analyses and information relating to the Budget

Table 1. Requests from Parliamentarians and PBO responsiveness

	Requests Received Outside the Caretaker Period					Caretaker Costing Requests	All
	2012		2013				
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3		
Requests Received from Parliamentary Parties							
Total Requests Received	32	165	69	345	309	85	1,005
Requests Withdrawn or Lapsed at Election	-	6	3	67	26	-	102
Number of Requests Completed	32	159	66	278	283	85	903
Average Time to Completion (business days)	54.6	43.4	24.9	24.2	8.7	2.2	21.8
Requests Received from Individual Parliamentarians							
Total Requests Received	-	-	6	5	1	-	12
Number of Requests Completed	-	-	6	5	1	-	12
Average Time to Completion (business days)	-	-	26.2	11.8	11.0	-	18.9

Figure 1. Response Times for Completed Requests



Requests by PBO for information from Commonwealth bodies

Table 2. PBO information requests and responsiveness of Commonwealth bodies

Date	Requests Sent	Responded <u>By Due Date</u>	Responded <u>After Due Date</u>	Average Lateness for Received Requests	Requests Outstanding (overdue)	Average Days Overdue for Currently Overdue Requests
2012	85	43 (51 %)	42 (49 %)	3.4 business days	0 (0)	-
2013 Q1	100	35 (36 %)	63 (64 %)	8.2 business days	2 (2)	147.5 business days
2013 Q2	175	75 (43 %)	99 (57 %)	4.9 business days	1 (1)	68.0 business days
2013 Q3	234	126 (54 %)	106 (46 %)	1.5 business days	2 (2)	53.5 business days
2013 Q4	4	1 (33 %)	2 (67 %)	1.7 business days	1 (1)	4.0 business days
Total	598	280 (47 %)	312 (53 %)	3.9 business days	6 (6)	79.0 business days

* Numbers of requests sent exclude requests that were subsequently withdrawn.

Figure 2. Commonwealth bodies response time for completed information requests

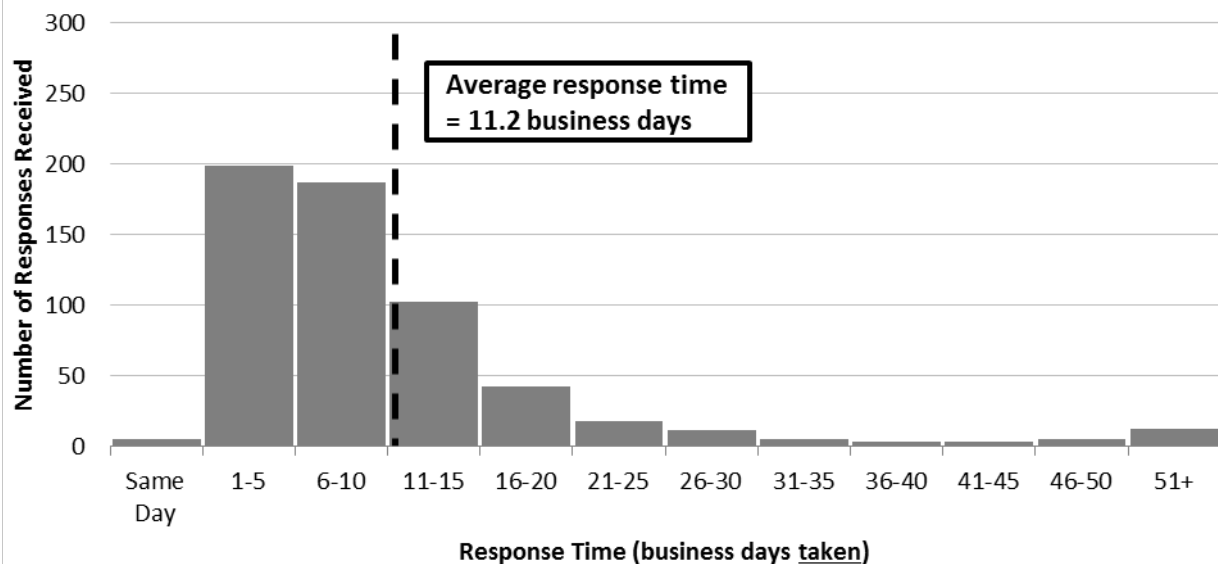
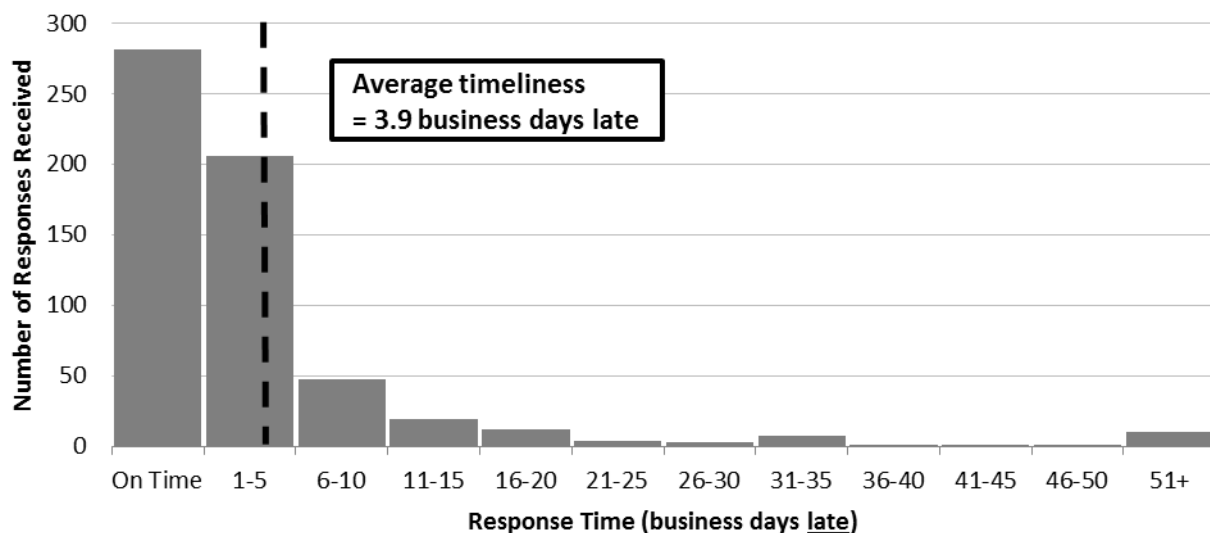


Figure 3. Timeliness of completed response by Commonwealth bodies to PBO information requests



PBO permanent staff by function and employment level

Table 3. PBO permanent staff by function and employment level

	PBO Executive	Budget Analysis Division	Fiscal Policy and Analysis Division	Corporate Strategy Branch*	Total
Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO)	1	-	-	-	1
Senior Executive Service Band 2 (SES B2)	-	1	1	-	2
Senior Executive Service Band 1 (SES B1)	-	2	1	1	4
Parliamentary Executive Level 2 (PEL2)	-	4	1	1	6
Parliamentary Executive Level 1 (PEL1)	-	8	4	2	14
Parliamentary Service Level 6 (PSL6)	1	2	2	-	5
Parliamentary Service Level 4 (PSL4)	-	1	1	1	3
Total Staff	2	18	10	5	35

* Includes recruitment approvals for staff commencing on 21 November 2013.

Figure 4. PBO Staff by function and employment level

