

Senate Committee on Education and Employment

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 2025–26

Agency: Australian National University

Question No: ASQ26-0038

Freedom of Information applications

Asked by Senator Hume

Question:

How many freedom of information applications has the department/agency received since 1 January 2026?

Please provide a breakdown of the number including;

- a) the number of applications withdrawn;
- b) the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;
- c) the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;
- d) the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982;
- e) the number of applications subject to internal review;
- f) the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC;
- g) the number of applications subject to review by the AAT;
- h) the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court; and
- i) the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned.

Answer:

Number of Freedom of Information applications ANU received between 1 January 2026 and 20 April 2026	107
a) the number of applications withdrawn	6
b) the number of applications refused under section 34 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982	0
c) the number of applications refused under section 24 of the Freedom of Information Act 1982	3
d) the number of applications refused under section 24A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982	11
e) the number of applications subject to internal review	4
f) the number of applications subject to review by the OAIC	1
g) the number of applications subject to review by the AAT	0

h) the number of applications subject to review by the Federal Court	0
i) the number of applications where the original decision has been overturned	0

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