

Mr Alan Ashmore

By email only to: foi+request-10514-0b8a855f@righttoknow.org.au

Dear Mr Ashmore,

I am replying to your email of 26 July 2023. You requested under the *Freedom of Information Act* that the VRB respond to your enquiry: *"It would be appreciated if you could supply me with the number of new appeals to the VRB on a month by month basis since 1 January 2021"* .

The VRB prepares, and reports on, data concerning the number of new applications for review that it receives each financial year rather than on a monthly basis. Accordingly, we cannot provide a monthly breakdown of applications for review received at the VRB since 1 January 2021.

However, we can provide the following data in relation to your enquiry:

- During the 2020-21 financial year there were 2,772 new applications for review received at the VRB
- For the 2021-22 financial year there were 2,781 applications for review received at the VRB
- Lodgement data for the 2022-23 financial year is not yet available. This data will be included in the upcoming VRB annual report for 2022-23. After the report has been tabled by Federal Parliament it will then be made available on the VRB's website.

I am providing this information to answer your request outside of the FOI process in the interests of efficiency.

Thank you for your enquiry.

Yours sincerely,



Mark
Finance & Business Services Manager

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