

# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE 1950 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1950

The Honorable Carl Levin Chairman Committee on Armed Services United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

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### Department of Defense Privacy and Civil Liberties Activities

## Section 803 of the "Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007" 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2013 – October 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

## A. Number and Types of Reviews<sup>1</sup> Undertaken

Computer Matching Programs	1
Privacy Act Statements	725
Privacy Act Systems of Records Notices (SORNs) with applicable exemptions	203
Section (m) Contract Reviews	16

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A review is an activity to ensure compliance with requirements established in controlling authorities such as the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a; OMB Circular A-130, Appendix 1; and OMB Memo M-07-16. Examples of reviews may include a Privacy Impact Assessment, OMB Circular A-130 Privacy Act reviews (new and updated system of records reviews and reviews of proposed rules for Privacy Act exemptions), or OMB Circular A-130 Computer Matching reviews.

## B. Type of Advice Provided and the Response to Advice 2

Advice Provided	Response to Advice	
0	0	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Response to advice is specific action taken by a DoD Component implementing the advice provided by: (1) the Heads of the OSD and DoD Components; or (2) Component Senior Officials for Privacy or Component Chief Civil Liberties Officers. Examples of a response to advice may include: guidance, new procedure, or training.

# C. Nature, Number, and Disposition of Complaints<sup>1</sup> Received

Nature of Privacy Complaints	Number Received	Disposition of C	Disposition of Complaint	
		Responsive Action Taken <sup>2</sup>	Pending <sup>3</sup>	
Process and Procedure	25	11	14	
Redress	0	0	0	
Operational	5	5	0	
Sub Total for Privacy Complaints:	30	16	14	
Nature of Civil Liberties Complaints				
First Amendment	8	5	3	
Second Amendment	1	1	0	
Fourth Amendment	3	2	1	
Fifth Amendment	2	0	2	
Sixth Amendment	1	0	1	
Fourteenth Amendment	2	1	1	
Second and Fourth Amendments	1	0	1	
Sub Total for Civil Liberties Complaints:	18	9	9	
TOTAL for 1st Qtr FY13	48	25	23	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A complaint is an assertion alleging a violation of privacy and/or civil liberties. Privacy complaints typically allege violations of: (1) process and procedural issues (consent, collection, disclosure, and notice); (2) redress (non-Privacy Act inquiries seeking resolution of difficulties about privacy matters); or (3) operational issues (Privacy Act matters not including requests for access, disclosure, and/or amendment). Civil liberties complaints typically allege a violation of the Bill of Rights or other Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Responsive action taken means the complaint was reviewed and a responsive action was taken and/or the complaint was resolved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pending means that the complaint is being reviewed to determine the responsive action and/or resolution.



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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein Chairman Select Committee on Intelligence United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

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