

**FOIA Advisory Committee Update**  
**Oversight and Accountability Subcommittee**  
**7/21/15**

The following update was provided to the FOIA Advisory Committee on 7/21/15 regarding the efforts of the Oversight and Accountability Subcommittee.

1. Identify current authorities for oversight and actions (program reviews, audits, reports, inspections, etc) that have been completed over the past 10 years.

Mr. Jones has started to review the reports currently posted on the Subcommittee's webpage and is working to identify similar themes or topics in the reports.

Mr. Jones has identified another 30 IG reports that will be posted to the subcommittee's website soon.

2. Evaluate past litigation review efforts and determine opportunities for action.

There is no update to this effort at this time.

3. Assessment of the FOIA Public Liaison role and determine opportunities for improvement.

The subcommittee worked with OGIS to create a poll for FOIA Public Liaisons to obtain information about the role of the Public Liaisons in the FOIA process and how the position functions within the executive branch.

This is an opportunity for FOIA professionals in the government to share their experiences administering FOIA in their agency and offer suggestions to improve FOIA throughout our government.

The Public Liaisons were given 30 days to complete the poll, which consisted of 15 questions. A copy of the poll sent to all federal agencies that administer FOIA is located on our Committee's website.

In general, the questions focused on the subjects of training; resources; connecting with requesters; and engagement with their agency attorneys.

The poll closes tomorrow and as of today, 88 people have offered their experience, opinions, and suggestions on making FOIA better.

Once OGIS compiles the data, the subcommittee will analyze it and determine if there are trends shared across the government. Ultimately, the subcommittee will share the results of their analysis with the Committee and the public. This data will support the Committee's efforts in improving FOIA administration.