

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 165

Topic: Freedom of Information

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests?

- a. If so, when?
- b. If so, how does this occur?

Answer:

The Department provides a weekly summary of Freedom of Information (FOI) matters to the executive and the office of the Minister. This summary includes FOI requests received, decisions pending and FOI decisions made by the Department in that week.

The Department will consult a Minister's office where a request covers documents that are also in the possession of the Minister's office or have been prepared by the Minister or the Minister's office.