

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: 167

Topic: Freedom of Information

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?

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

Answer:

The Department's Freedom of Information decision-makers perform their duties independently and in accordance with the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, the Guidelines issued by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and the Better Practice Guide issued by the Attorney General's Department.

Refer to Question No. 165 for details of how the Department consults or informs the Minister on Freedom of Information requests.