

**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:** 175

**Topic:** Freedom of Information

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?

- a) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?
- b) Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?
- c) How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?
- d) What did the training involve?
- e) How long was the training?
- f) By whom was the training conducted?

**Answer:**

The Department provides formal training to decision makers in the Minister's office as requested.

The training is provided by the FOI team and/or the Branch Manager in Public Law Branch, or the Department's Chief Legal Officer.

The decision makers in the Minister's office have received formal training of approximately an hour.