

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-478

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Freedom of Information

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Senator Siewert asked:

List of new FOI's received by the Department (number, who they are and what they want).

Answer:

From 23 February 2011 to 31 May 2011 the Department received 80 new Freedom of Information (FOI) requests.

The requests related to access for Departmental documents ranging from requests for personal information about the FOI applicant, to personal information about third parties, policy documents, programme administration, business information including tender documents, advertising, regulation documents, and reports.

Of 80 requests, 19 were from the media; 30 from legal firms (representing persons or organisations); 18 from the public; 2 from pharmaceutical companies; 9 from private companies; 1 from a Member of Parliament; and 1 from a community organisation.