

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 428

**Topic:** Freedom of Information

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator McKenzie** asked:

How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?

**Answer:**

The Department has received 79 FOI requests for this financial year to date (26 June 2012).

Of these 79 requests:

- 70 were finalised, of which:
  - 27 were granted;
  - 8 were denied; and
  - 35 were either withdrawn or transferred to another agency.

As at 26 June 2012, 9 requests received in the current financial year remained on hand.