

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 055

Topic: Freedom of Information

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Senator Fifield asked:

How many FOI requests has the Department received since December 2007?
How many have been granted or denied?

Answer:

Information about FOI requests that the Department received from December 2007 to 30 June 2010 is included in the FOI statistics provided to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) for the FOI annual report required under the former section 93 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

The Department has received 107 FOI requests between 1 December 2007 and 11 November 2010. Together with 9 on hand as at 1 December 2007, there have been a total of 116 FOI requests under consideration since this date. Of these:

- 73 decisions made;
 - 10 granted in full
 - 49 granted in part
 - 14 denied
- 7 transferred to other agencies;
- 26 withdrawn; and
- 10 on hand as at 11 November 2010.