

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 14

Topic: Freedom of Information

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Senator McKenzie asked:

Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?

Answer:

As at 9 November 2011, the Department is not aware of having received any advice over the last year in relation to how to respond to specific FOI requests. However, on 24 June 2011, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) provided FOI Guidance Notes to all Departments – http://www.dpmc.gov.au/foi/guidance_notes.cfm. The Department is also required to take into account the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and any advice provided by the Information Commissioner and/or the Freedom of Information Commissioner.