

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 15

**Topic:** Freedom of Information

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator McKenzie** asked:

How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? How many have been granted or denied?

How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?

**Answer:**

For 2010-11, information about FOI requests that the Department received up to 30 June 2011 is included in the FOI statistics for the FOI Annual Report required under section 93 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act) - <http://www.oaic.gov.au/publications/reports.html>.

The Department received 68 FOI requests between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.

Of these 68 requests:

- 39 decisions were made;
  - 9 granted in full
  - 25 granted in part
  - 5 denied
- 14 were withdrawn; and
- 15 were on hand as at 30 June 2011.

Please note that conclusive certificates have been abolished by the *Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Act 2009* with effect on and from 7 October 2009. Accordingly, no conclusive certificates have been issued during the past year in relation to FOI requests.