

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 190

Topic: Freedom of Information

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Senator Ludwig asked:

What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's Office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?

- a. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?
- b. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?
- c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?
- d. What did the training involve?
- e. How long was the training?
- f. By whom was the training conducted?

Answer:

The Department provides informal training to decision-makers in the Minister's office as requested.

The training is provided by the FOI team and/or the Branch Manager in Public Law Branch, or the Department's Chief Legal Officer.

The decision makers in the Minister's office have not received formal training.