

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

29 May – 31 May 2012

Question: BET 664-667

Topic: Freedom of Information (APRA)

Hansard Page: Written (received from Committee – 13 June 2012)

Senator Bushby asked:

664. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
665. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
666. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date?
- a) How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?
 - b) Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why?
 - c) Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?
667. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?

Answer:

664. Yes.
665. The estimated total cost to process Freedom of Information (FOI) requests for the financial year to 31 May 2012 is \$49,017.
666. APRA received 85 FOI requests for the financial year to 31 May 2012.
- a) For the requests finalised during the financial year to 31 May 2012: 13 were granted in full; 13 were granted in part; 38 were refused access; and 11 were withdrawn.
 - b) No.
 - c) Yes. Two requests received by APRA during May 2012 remain on hand. For each, APRA is awaiting response to letters it has issued notifying the applicant of its intention to impose charges. The requests are being processed within processing times outlined in the FOI Act.
667. None, conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.