

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

29 May – 31 May 2012

Question: BET 672-675

Topic: Freedom of Information (IGT)

Hansard Page: Written (Received from Committee 13 June 2012)

Senator Bushby asked:

672. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
673. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
674. 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?
675. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?

Answer:

672. The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has issued guidelines under section 93A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982. On 24 June 2011, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provided FOI Guidance Notes to all departments - http://www.dpmc.gov.au/foi/guidance_notes.cfm.
673. Not applicable.
674. As at 31 May 2012, no valid requests.
- a) Not applicable.
 - b) Not applicable.
 - c) Not applicable.
675. Nil.