

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

23 – 24 February 2011

Question: AET 90

Topic: FOI Requests

Senator Bushby asked:

How many FOI requests has the Department received since October Estimates?

How many have been granted or denied?

How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

Answer:

Between 22 October 2010 to 23 February 2011 Treasury has received 52 FOI requests.

Of the 52 requests received:

- 4 granted access in full
- 14 granted access in part
- 13 withdrawn by applicant
- 7 deemed withdrawn (no response from applicant)
- 3 were refused (no documents exist)
- 1 transferred in full to another Agency
- 10 decision still pending

Between 22 October 2010 and 23 February 2011 no conclusive certificates were issued. The power to issue conclusive certificates was repealed in October 2009 through the *Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Act 2009*.