

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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15 – 17 February 2012

Question: AET 1100 - 1109

Topic: Freedom of Information (ACCC)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 1100. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
- 1101. What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- 1102. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
- 1103. How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- 1104. For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted?
- 1105. Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests?
 - a. If so, how many?
 - b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding?
- 1106. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date?
- 1107. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?
- 1108. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests?
 - a. If so, how many?
 - b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding?
- 1109. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?

Answer:

- 1100. The ACCC has received advice on how to respond to FOI requests from the Australian Government Solicitor and the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

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2009-2010	\$380,700.27
2010-11	\$338,055.10

1102. As at 31 January 2012, \$170,806.45.

1103.

2009-2010	35
2010-11	47

1104.

	2009-2010	2010-2011
Granted	12	7
Part granted	23	18
Refused	13	8
Withdrawn	12	26
Transferred	0	1

Please note these figures reflect decisions made in a financial year which may relate to FOI requests received in the previous year. Hence, these figures will not mirror the figures for FOI requests received in any given year.

1105.

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
Number of requests which failed to meet processing times	29	0	0
Number of requests outstanding	0	Not applicable	Not applicable

1106. As at 31 January 2012, 29.

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Granted	4
Part granted	12
Refused	7
Withdrawn	7
Outstanding	6

1108. Nil.

1109. Nil. Conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.