

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: AET 1130 - 1139**

**Topic: Freedom of Information (APRA)**

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1130. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
1131. What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
1132. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
1133. How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11?
1134. For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted?
1135. 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?
1136. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date?
1137. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?
1138. 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?
1139. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

1130. Yes.
1131. APRA's Annual Reports set out the estimated total cost to process Freedom of Information (FOI) requests in 2009-10 (page 140) and 2010-11 (page 150).
1132. The estimated total cost to process Freedom of Information (FOI) requests for the financial year to 31 January 2012 is \$31,133.

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1133. APRA's Annual Reports set out the number of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests received and the requests that have been granted or denied in 2009-10 (page 140) and 2010-11 (page 150).
1134. See response to question 1133.
1135. Yes.
- a. Two.
  - b. No.
1136. APRA received 46 FOI requests for the financial year 31 January 2012.
1137. For the requests finalised during the financial year to 31 January 2012:
- seven were granted in full;
  - nine were granted in part;
  - 15 were refused access; and
  - 10 were withdrawn.
1138. No.
- a. and b. Not applicable.
1139. None, conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.