Question: AET 1150 - 1159

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

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

1150. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?

1151. What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11?

1152. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?

1153. How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11?

1154. For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted?

1155. 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?

1156. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date?

1157. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?

1158. 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?

1159. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?

Answer:

1150.   The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has issued guidelines under s 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.

1151.   Not applicable.

1152.   Not applicable.

1153. Nil.

1154. Not applicable.

1155. Not applicable.

    a.   Not applicable.

    b.   Not applicable.

1156. Nil.

1157. Not applicable.

1158. Not applicable.

    a.   Not applicable.

    b.   Not applicable.

1159. Not applicable.