

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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15 – 17 February 2012

**Question: AET 1140 - 1149**

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

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1140. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
1141. What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
1142. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
1143. How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11?
1144. For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted?
1145. 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?
1146. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date?
1147. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?
1148. 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?
1149. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?

**Answer:**

1140. No
1141. This information is available in the Freedom of Information Annual Report. For 2009-10 the costs are provided in Appendix L, for 2010-11 the costs are provided in Appendix J.
1142. As at 31st January 2012, 24 days. Note: Outside of standard reporting periods, the ABS can only provide an estimate of staff days.

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1143. This information is available in Appendix Table 5.2 of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Annual Report 2010-11 (cat. No. 1001.0).
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1145. No.
1146. At 7 March 2012, the ABS had received 17 FOI requests for the 2011-12 financial year.
1147. Access granted in full - 1  
Access granted in part - 4  
Access not granted – 8

Note: 1 request was withdrawn, and 3 requests are still being processed.

1148. No.
1149. None.