

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: AET 1110 - 1119

Topic: Freedom of Information (ASIC)

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Senator BUSHBY asked:

1110. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
1111. What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
1112. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
1113. How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11?
1114. For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted?
1115. 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?
1116. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date?
1117. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?
1118. 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?
1119. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?

Answer

1110. ASIC regularly consults with the Office of the Information Commissioner on the operation of the FOI Act.
- ASIC has also sought advice from the AGS on one occasion in the current financial year.
1111. ASIC does not maintain records on the cost of processing FOI requests by ASIC staff.

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The number of staff hours spent on FOI work is as follows:

2009/2010 - 1314 hours

2010/2011 - 2473 hours

1112. ASIC does not maintain records on the cost of processing FOI requests by ASIC staff.

1113. 2009-2010 95 FOI requests received

2010-2011 194 FOI requests received

1114. 2009/2010 Denied 34, Granted 48.

2010/2011 Denied 70, Granted 85.

1115. Yes.

a. 2009/2010 9

2010/2011 6

b. No.

1116. 396

1117. Denied 144, Granted 230

1118. Yes.

a. 22

b. No.

1119. None. Conclusive certificates are no longer issuable under the FOI Act. The relevant provisions were repealed in 2009.