

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

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**Question: BET 183**

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

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**Senator Barnett asked:**

1. Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests?
2. How many FOI requests has the Department received?
3. How many have been granted or denied?
4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

**Answer:**

1. Yes. The ATO has obtained legal advice from service providers on our Commercial and General legal services panel in relation to some FOI requests that have been received.
2. The ATO has received 186 FOI requests for the period 8 February to 2 July 2010.
3. 128 requests were granted and 47 requests were denied for the same period.
4. Nil.