

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question No: BET 151

Topic: ASIC – FOI requests

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bushby asked:

How many FOI requests has the Department received since February 2011 Estimates?

How many have been granted or denied?

How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

Answer:

There were 94 FOI requests received by ASIC since the February 2011 estimates.

Of the 94 requests, 4 were withdrawn by the applicants.

Of the remaining 90, 40 were denied. Of the 40 denied, 24 were refused upon the basis that the documents were exempt under an exemption provision of the FOI Act, 2 were invalid applications and 14 were seeking publically available information.

Of the remaining 50 applications, 28 were granted. Of the 28 granted, 19 applications resulted in full release of documents sought and 9 resulted in partial release of the documents sought.

Two matters were transferred to other agencies.

The remaining 20 matters are currently being processed.

ASIC has issued no conclusive certificates.