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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question No: SBT 351 - 355
Topic: ASIC Freedom of Information
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Senator Bushy asked:

351. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
352. How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11?
 - a) How many have been granted or denied?
353. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?
354. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD?
 - a) How many have been granted or denied?
355. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?

Answer:

351.

ASIC has sought advice from the Information Commissioner on several occasions.

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There were 224 FOI requests received in the year from 1st July 2010 – 30th June 2011. Of the 224 requests, 40 were withdrawn by the applicants. Of the remaining 184, 70 were denied.

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The provision for conclusive certificates was removed from the legislation in 2009 and no conclusive certificates have been issued over this period.

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For this period, 36 matters were granted in full or in part, whilst 52 matters were denied. 88 matters were finalised. 24 applications were received and 50 are outstanding.

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