

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

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Question No: SBT 38

Topic: Freedom of information

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Senator Bushby asked:

How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11?

(a) How many have been granted or denied?

Answer:

In 2010-11, the ATO received 852, freedom of information requests (and retained on hand 67 cases from 2009-10).

(a) Decisions were made in 582 cases:

- I. the ATO granted full access in 148 requests
- II. the ATO allowed part access in 320 requests
- III. the ATO denied access in 114 cases.

158 requests were withdrawn by applicants before a decision was made.

There were 179 cases on hand at the end of the year.