

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Freedom of Information

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Question:

- a) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
- b) How many FOI requests has the Department received?
- c) How many have been granted or denied?
- d) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) The Department of Human Services (DHS) received 353 FOI requests in the period 1 July 2009 to 28 February 2010.
- c) DHS granted 112 in full, 130 partially granted, 9 denied and 47 withdrawn in the period 1 July 2009 to 28 February 2010.
- d) DHS issued no conclusive certificates in relation to FOI requests in the period 1 July 2009 to 28 February 2010.