

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

PM&C Portfolio

Department/Agency: National Mental Health Commission
Outcome/Program: National Mental Health Commission
Topic: Freedom of Information

Senator: Senator Ryan

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Type of question: Written

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Question:

1. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
2. What was the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for 2009-10 and 2010-11?
3. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
4. How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?
5. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?
6. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?

Answer:

1-6 Not applicable. The National Mental Health Commission was established on 1 January 2012. As at 31 January 2012 the Commission had not received any FOI requests.