

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Freedom of Information**

Question: **114**

Written **Senator Ryan**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 2 April 2013

- a. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
- b. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this FYTD?
- c. 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 and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?

Answer

- a) No.
- b) DPS has not attributed any costs to processing FOI requests in this financial year to 31 December 2012.
- c) DPS has received five FOI requests this financial year to 31 December 2012.
 - DPS did not hold any of the information requested.
 - DPS acknowledged and responded to the requests within the required timeframes.