

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:
Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Estimates 2012-13
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Timing of information requests

Senator: Senator Mathias Cormann

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Question

Senator CORMANN: How overdue are those departments in the context of the deadlines that they should comply with under the MOU?

Mr Bowen: I think there were some requests that are still outstanding from late December.

Senator CORMANN: Nothing from November that is still outstanding?

Mr Bowen: I believe not.

Senator CORMANN: You might want to take that on notice.

Mr Bowen: Okay. I will check that, but my understanding was December.

Answer

The PBO received 15 requests for information on Thursday 29 November 2012. The PBO requested information from the relevant Commonwealth department on Wednesday 5 December 2012. At the time of the committee hearing, interim responses to these requests had been provided. The final response to these information requests was received by the PBO on 1 March 2013.