

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

Department: Parliamentary Budget Office

Topic: Freedom of information

Senator: Senator Scott Ryan

Question reference number: 67

Type of question: Written

Question

- 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 financial year to date?**
- 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) The Parliamentary Budget Office is an exempt agency under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.
- b) See (a) above.
- c) See (a) above.