

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2010–11 (May 2010)

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
Topic: Reviews

Senator: Senator Barnett
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- a) **Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source 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) The office receives information from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet via FOI guidelines on how to respond to FOI requests. The agency also participates in quarterly meetings with other FOI practitioners to discuss FOI trends and practices.

b) & c) Details on FOI requests received, granted or denied:

Year	Received	Granted in part	Granted in full	Denied
2006–07	26	26	0	0
2007–08	25	23	2 (transferred in full to other agencies)	0
2008–09	23	19	2	2
2009–10 (to 24 June)	18	17	1	0

d) None