

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

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: Freedom of Information

Senator: Fifield

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Question:

- a) Has the Department/agency received any advice 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:

For the purposes of this question, a timeframe of 1 January 2011 to 31 May 2011 has been applied.

- a) No.
- b) 51.
- c) Of the FOI requests received and finalised, 11 were granted in full, 4 were granted in part and 5 were refused.
- d) Nil. The power to issue conclusive certificates was removed in October 2009.