

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

**Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government**

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**Topic: Freedom of Information**

**Asked By: Senator FIFIELD**

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Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?

**Answer:**

The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has issued guidelines that the Department, and all agencies subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, must have regard to when performing functions or exercising powers under that Act.