

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2013-14  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

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**Department:** Parliamentary Budget Office

**Topic:** Freedom of information

**Senator:** Senator Scott Ryan

**Question reference number:** 62

**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.