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

Prime Minister and Cabinet

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office Outcome/Program: Topic: Freedom of Information

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Question:

- 1. Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
- 2. How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11? How many have been granted or denied?
- 3. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?
- 4. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? How many have been granted or denied?
- 5. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?

Answer:

Q1 - The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provided FOI Guidance Notes to all departments on 28 July 2011 - <u>http://www.dpmc.gov.au/foi/guidance_notes.cfm</u>.' The ANAO is not subject to the FOI legislation.

Q2 - None

Q3 - Nil; conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009

- Q4 None
- Q5 Nil; conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.