

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

Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
Outcome/Program:
Topic: Freedom of Information

Senator: Senator Ryan

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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/Agency received for the year 2010-11?
How many have been granted or denied?
- c) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?
- d) How many FOI requests has the Department/Agency received for this FYTD? How many have been granted or denied?
- e) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?

Answer:

- a) No
- b) The number of requests received by ministers and Australian Government agencies is contained in Appendix A of the 2010-11 annual report on the operation of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.
- c) None. The *Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Act 2009* repealed the power to issue conclusive certificates in the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth).
- d) The OAIC received 6 FOI requests in this financial year to 18 October 2011. The OAIC finalised 4 FOI requests in this financial year to 18 October 2011. Two requests were granted in full and 2 were granted in part.
- e) None, see answer to part c) above.