

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Arts portfolio agencies

Outcome/Program: Various

Topic: Freedom of Information

Senator: Senator Ryan

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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:

The Australia Council

1. The agency relies on the information and the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner issued under s 93A of the Act published December 2010.
2. 2 FOI requests received. Of these, one FOI request was fully granted and one was partly granted.
3. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.
4. No FOI requests have been received for this FYTD.
5. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.

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National Film and Sound Archive

1. Yes
2. Two requests have been received. One partially granted. One refused.
3. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.
4. No FOI requests have been received for this FYTD.
5. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.

National Gallery of Australia

1. No
2. One FOI request received. The Gallery's FOI processes resulted in a response to the applicant that satisfied the request.
3. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.
4. One FOI request received. The Gallery's FOI processes resulted in a response to the applicant that satisfied the request.
5. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.

National Library of Australia

1. The Library follows guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner.
2. One request received, request granted.
3. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.
4. No FOI requests have been received for this FYTD.
5. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.

National Museum of Australia

1. The Museum has not received advice on how to respond to FOI requests, apart from general advice provided by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner in the form of the guidelines and agency resources on their website.
2. One FOI request was received. One request granted.
3. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.
4. No FOI requests have been received for this FYTD.

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5. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.

Screen Australia

1. No
2. Six FOI requests received. Six requests granted.
3. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.
4. Two FOI requests received. Two requests granted.
5. Nil: conclusive certificates were abolished on 7 October 2009.