

**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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**Question: 145**

**Topic: FOI Advice**

**Asked By: Senator RYAN**

**Type of Question: Written**

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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 and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet have issued guidelines that the Department, and all agencies subject to the FOI Act, must follow when performing functions or exercising powers under the Act.