

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-13

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office

Outcome/Program:

Topic: Freedom of Information Requests

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

1. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
2. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12? How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12? How many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?
3. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
4. 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:

1. None.
2. The Auditor-General is exempt from *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and so has incurred no costs as a result of FOI requests. In 2011-12 we received no direct requests under FoI.
3. None.
4. For the YTD ending 31 October 2012, the ANAO had received one FoI request. While the ANAO is exempt from the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, requests for information on administrative matters are considered as general requests. The requested information was not provided as it related to psychological assessments which fall under *Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997*.