

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 27 MAY 2009

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(5) Program : Internal Product

Senator Barnett (L&CA 52) asked:

In relation to question no. 1 from the February 2009 Additional Estimates hearing, provide a breakdown of those FOI requests and the purpose for which they are intended.

Answer:

For the period 1 July to 31 December 2008:

1,153 FOI requests were granted in part;
1,210 were granted in full, and
166 were refused.

2,529 Total

Of the 2,529 requests finalised between 1 July and 31 December 2008, 1,368 were applications from or on behalf of individuals for personal information while the remaining 1,161 requests were from members of the public, the media or from organisations seeking non-personal information, including policy documents, statistics and third party information.

For the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008:

7,286 FOI requests were granted in part;
4,216 were granted in full, and
385 were refused.

11,897 Total

Of the 11,897 requests finalised between 1 July 2007 and 30 June 2008, 8,976 were applications from or on behalf of individuals for personal information. The remaining 2,921 requests were from members of the public, the media or from organisations seeking non-personal information, including policy documents, statistics and third party information.