

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

All Programs

Question No. 95

Senator Barnett asked the following question at the hearing on 25 May 2010:

Since Additional Estimates:

- a. Has the Department received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
- b. How many FOI requests has the Department received?
- c. How many received FOI requests have been granted or denied?
- d. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a. Yes – from the Australian Government Solicitor's Office.
- b. 26.
- c. Of those 26 requests, seven were granted in full, four were granted in part and none were denied in full. Ten of the requests are still on hand being processed. (These figures do not include cases where the Department held no documents, requests that were later withdrawn or requests that were transferred to another agency.)
- d. None. Conclusive certificates have been abolished.