

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

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Question No. 7

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:

In the last financial year, 714 films were classified in the X category. How does that figure compare approximately with five years ago (no exact figure required)? Please also provide a figure for the past ten years of the number of films classified in that category and the number of films submitted for classification.

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

In 2009-2010, 714 commercial films were classified X 18+. This is lower than five years ago.

7,110 commercial films were classified X 18+ in the past ten years (ie, from the beginning of financial year 2000-2001 to the end of financial year 2009-2010).

A total of 46,851 commercial films were submitted for classification in the same ten year period.

Figures for individual years in the ten year period are shown in the table below:

Year	X18+ decisions	Commercial films submitted for classification
2009/10	714	4,820
2008/09	710	4,762
2007/08	798	5,057
2006/07	710	5,094
2005/06	828	6,749
2004/05	918	6,393
2003/04	640	4,470
2002/03	336	3,316
2001/02	523	3,167
2000/01	933	3,023
TOTAL	7,110	46,851