

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012

#### IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

#### **(SE12/0075C) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Cash (written) asked:

How many were refused? What were the reasons for refusal?

*Answer:*

Please see table below for the numbers of requests for Amendment or Annotation under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* refused from 2007-08 to 2011-12 and 2012-13 (to 30 September 2012).

Financial Year	Refused
2007-08	423
2008-09	663
2009-10	648
2010-11	825
2011-12	944
2012-13	199

Under the FOI Act, requests for Amendment are refused when the authorised decision maker is satisfied that the Department's record is not incomplete, incorrect, out of date or misleading. Typically requests are refused on the grounds that the record is not incorrect based on the information provided by the client in their application and held on file.

Requests for Annotation are refused if such an annotation is considered to be irrelevant, defamatory or unnecessarily voluminous. The Department's position is that, where a reason to refuse annotation exists, we assist the applicant to make a successful request for annotation.