

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Freedom of Information

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McKenzie asked:

How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11? For each financial year, 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?

Answer:

The Department received 40 FOI requests between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010, and 68 FOI requests between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.

Of these 40 requests received in the 2009-10 financial year:

- 21 were granted ;
- 4 were denied; and
- 15 were either withdrawn, transferred or were active requests that carried over the financial year.

Of these 68 requests received in the 2010-11 financial year:

- 34 were granted;
- 5 were denied; and
- 29 were withdrawn or were active requests that carried over the financial year.

The Department failed to meet the processing times for 17 requests in 2009-10, and 14 requests in 2010-11. None of these requests remain outstanding.