

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Freedom of Information

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Question:

What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?

- a) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests
- b) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests

Answer:

The Department of Health currently has 6 officers dedicated to the functions associated with processing freedom of information requests.

- a) Executive Level 2, Executive Level 1 (2 officers), APS6, APS5 and APS4.
- b) Departmental staff of all levels and areas of the Department are involved on an ad-hoc basis in processing freedom of information requests to the extent that documents are related to their area of responsibility or to provide assistance to the Freedom of Information team. This is done as part of an officers' usual duties and accurate records are not kept.