

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-14, 20 November 2013**

**Question:** E13-074

**OUTCOME:** 0 - Whole of Portfolio

**Topic:** Freedom of Information

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Question:**

Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?

- a) If so, which departments or agencies?
- b) If so, when?
- c) If so, how does this occur?

**Answer:**

Where the Department of Health has possession of documents obtained or created with input from other departments or agencies consultation will occur in accordance with the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

- a) Those departments and agencies relevant to the nature and scope of the request.
- b) Prior to the decision being made.
- c) In accordance with usual government practices and procedures for the handling of documents, taking account of any sensitivities or classification of documents.