

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question: AET 1005-1007

Topic: Freedom of Information

Written: Received from Committee – 22 February 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

1005. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
1006. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date (22 February 2013)?
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- a. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date (22 February 2013)?
 - b. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?
 - c. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why?
 - d. Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?

Answer:

1005. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) has received no updates on its treatment of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests since the October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates.
1006. The estimated total cost to process FOI requests for the financial year to 22 February 2013 was \$23,950.
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- a. APRA received 34 FOI requests for the financial year to 22 February 2013.
 - b. For the requests finalised during the financial year to 22 February 2013:
 - 5 were granted in full;
 - 5 were granted in part; and
 - 14 were refused access.
 - c. No.
 - d. No.