

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates

13 – 14 February 2013

**Question: AET 1102-1104**

**Topic: Freedom of Information**

**Written: Received from Committee – 22 February 2013**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

1102. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
1103. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date (22 February 2013)?
- 1104.
- 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:**

1102. No.
1103. 28 days. Note: The ABS can only provide an estimate of staff days, not actual costs.
1104. a. 10 requests have been received.
- b. Access granted in full: 1  
Access granted in part: 3  
Access not granted: 3
- Note: 1 request was withdrawn and 2 requests were transferred.
- c. No.
  - d. No.