

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: **BET 700-703**

Topic: **Freedom of Information**

Written: **17 July 2013**

Senator BUSHBY asked:

700. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
701. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date*?
702. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date*?
- a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?
703. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests?
- a. If so, how many and why?
- b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding?
- i) If so, how many and why?

** Financial year to date – 31 May 2013*

Answer:

700. The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) has received no updated advice on how to respond to Freedom of Information (FOI) requests since the October 2012 Supplementary Budget Estimates.
701. The estimated total cost to process FOI requests for the financial year to 31 May 2013 was \$46,040.
702. APRA received 47 FOI requests for the financial year to 31 May 2013.
- a. For the requests finalised during the financial year to 31 May 2013:
- 6 were granted in full;
- 6 were granted in part;
- 35 were refused access; and
- 7 were withdrawn.
703. APRA failed to meet the statutory processing time for one request for the financial year to 31 May 2013.

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- a. and b. This request was still being processed as at 1 July 2013; third party consultation as required by the legislation is still in progress.