Question: **SBT 663-671**

Topic: **Freedom of Information (ABS)**

Written: **Received from Committee – 26 October 2012**

Senator BUSHBY asked:

663.   Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?

664.   What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12?

665.   How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12?

666.   How many requests were denied and how many were granted?

667.   Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests?

      a.   If so, how many?

      b.   Do any of these requests remain outstanding?

668.   What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date (26 October 2012)?

669.   How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date (26 October 2012)?

670.   How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?

671.   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? If so, how many and why?

Answer:

663.   No.

664.   40 days. Note: The ABS can only provide an estimate of staff days, not actual costs.

665.   This information is available in Appendix Table A5.2 of the ABS Annual Report 2010-11 (cat. No. 1001.0).

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667.   No.

668.   16 days. Note: The ABS can only provide an estimate of staff days, not actual costs.

669. At 26 October 2012, the ABS received 7 FOI requests for the 2012-13 financial year.

670. Access granted in full: 1

Access granted in part: 0

Access not granted: 2

Note: 1 request was withdrawn, 2 requests were transferred and 1 request was still being processed.

671. No.