

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Supplementary Budget Estimates

17 October – 18 October 2012

Question: SBT 690-698

Topic: Freedom of Information (IGT)

Written: Received from Committee – 26 October 2012

Senator BUSHBY asked:

690. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
691. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for 2011-12?
692. How many FOI requests did the department/agency receive in 2011-12?
693. How many requests were denied and how many were granted?
694. 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?
695. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date (26 October 2012)?
696. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date (26 October 2012)?
697. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?
698. 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:

690. The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has issued guidelines under section 93A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982. On 24 June 2011, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provided FOI Guidance Notes to all departments - http://www.dpmc.gov.au/foi/guidance_notes.cfm.
691. Not applicable.
692. No valid requests received.
693. Not applicable.
694. Not applicable.
- a. Not applicable.

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- b. Not applicable.
- 695. Not applicable.
- 696. As at 26 October 2012, no valid requests received.
- 697. Not applicable.
- 698. Not applicable.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. Not applicable.