

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Question: BET 182

Topic: Freedom of Information (APRA)

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Senator Barnett asked:

1. Has the Department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests?
2. How many FOI requests has the Department received?
3. How many have been granted or denied?
4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

**Since the 2010 Additional Estimates (8 February 2010)*

Timeframe – 8 February 2010 to 30 June 2010.

Answer:

1. During this period APRA received one advice from the Australian Government Solicitor on how to respond to an FOI request and the application of section 38 of the FOI Act and section 56 of the APRA Act.
2. During this period APRA has received six FOI requests.
3. Of the six FOI requests received during this period, two resulted in refusals to grant access to all requested documents, two resulted in applicants being granted partial access to the requested documents and the remaining two are still being processed.
4. None.