

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

Additional Estimates 2011-2012, 15 February 2012

Question: E12-068

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Written Question on Notice

Senator McKenzie asked:

- a) How many FOI requests did the Department receive for the financial year 2009-10 and 2010-11?
- b) For each financial year, how many requests were denied and how many were granted?
- c) Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests?
- d) If so, how many?
- e) Do any of these requests remain outstanding?

Answer:

- a) For financial year 2009-2010 the Department received 221 requests; for financial year 2010-2011 the Department received 267 requests
- b) For financial year 2009-2010: 59 requests were denied and 69 requests were granted; for financial year 2010-2011: 41 requests were denied and 69 request granted
- c) Yes.
- d) For financial year 2009-2010 the department did not meet processing requirements on 25 occasions; for financial year 2010-2011 the department did not meet processing requirements on 28 occasions
- e) 2009-2010 – NIL outstanding; 2010-2011 - 1 outstanding.