

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 172

**Topic:** Freedom of Information

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?

- a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?

**Answer:**

Minister Andrews has authorised his Chief of Staff (and any member of his staff performing this role from time to time) to make decisions on the Minister's behalf.

Minister Fifield has authorised his Chief of Staff (and any member of his staff performing this role from time to time) to make decisions on the Minister's behalf.

There were no designated decision makers in the Minister's Office under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* as at 6 September 2013.