

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 20

**Topic:** Freedom of Information

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**Senator Fifield** asked:

Of the 69 FOI Applications where decisions have been taken, how many of those resulted in a decision to not disclose some information?

**Answer:**

The Department finalised 71 requests for information under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* in the period from 1 July 2011 to 23 May 2012.

Of these, 32 requests were finalised by decisions notified to the applicant. The remaining requests were either withdrawn (32), or transferred to other agencies (7).

Of the 32 requests that were finalised by decision, 24 requests resulted in a decision to not disclose some or all of the documents sought by the applicant.