

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Freedom of Information

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Senator McKenzie asked:

Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?

Answer:

In responding to FOI requests, the Department is required to take into account the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and any advice provided by the Australian Information Commissioner and/or the Freedom of Information Commissioner. The Guidelines are updated from time to time and the Department is notified of these updates by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.