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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 427

Topic: Freedom of Information

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McKenzie asked:

What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?

Answer:

Expenditure on FOI processing is calculated by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) based on information submitted by the Department annually and published in the OAIC's annual report. It is not possible for the Department to accurately calculate the costs for the financial year to date without diverting significant resources to the task.

It is expected that expenditure on FOI processing for 2011-12 will be broadly in keeping with that of 2010-11. The total cost to the Department to process FOI requests for 2010-11 was \$285,053 - as published by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) in the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* Annual Report 2010-11, accessible via:
http://www.oaic.gov.au/publications/reports/FOIAR_10-11/index.html.