

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 38

Topic: Freedom of Information

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Senator Cash asked:

How many FOI applications resulted in a decision not to disclose the information sought or to disclose only part of the information sought?

Answer:

The Department received 74 new FOI requests from 1 July 2012 to 3 June 2013. Of these 74 requests:

- Documents were disclosed, in part, for 29 requests.
- Access to documents was refused in eight requests.
 - One request was refused due to substantial and unreasonable diversion of resources;
 - Seven requests were refused because the Department did not hold documents.