

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 0 - Whole of Portfolio

Topic: Freedom of Information - Disclosure Log

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

1. For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:
 - a) Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)
 - b) Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)
 - c) Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).

2. If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information:
 - a) The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision.
 - b) The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website.
 - c) The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]?
 - d) What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision?
 - e) What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task?

3. Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)?

4. If so, please provide the following information in a table:
 - a) On how many occasions charges have been imposed
 - b) The amount charged for each document.
 - c) The total amount charged.
 - d) What is the highest charge that has been imposed.

Answer:

1. a) The Department of Health does maintain a webpage which allows direct downloading of documents released.
b) The Department does not require individuals to contact it to ask for the provision of documents.
c) Not applicable.
2. The Department has not moved from a system of direct downloading to a system of requesting documents. Items a) to e) and f) are therefore not applicable.
3. The Department has not charged for access to any document under subsection 11C(4).
4. Not applicable.