

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Topic: FOI COSTS

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Senator Di Natale asked:

Would you have a back-of-the-envelope calculation in terms of how much you think it has cost your department (in respect of tobacco FOI requests)?

Answer:

The Department does not have a readily available record of the cost of tobacco FOI requests.

Under the charges regime in the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and accompanying Regulations, the Department estimates that it has been able to recover about twenty per cent of the costs it has incurred in processing tobacco FOI requests received in the period since the announcement of the tobacco plain packaging measure in April 2010.