

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross

Question No: 16

Topic: Freedom of Information

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McKenzie asked:

How many FOI requests has the Department received for this FYTD? How many have been granted or denied?

How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this FYTD?

Answer:

The Department received 42 FOI requests between 1 July 2011 and 9 November 2011.

Of these 42 requests:

- 9 decisions were made;
 - 5 granted in full
 - 3 granted in part
 - 1 denied
- 20 were withdrawn;
- 5 were transferred to other agencies; and
- 8 were on hand as at 9 November 2011.

Please note that conclusive certificates have been abolished by the *Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Act 2009* with effect on and from 7 October 2009. Accordingly, no conclusive certificates have been issued during the past year in relation to FOI requests.