

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2012-13 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 307

**Topic:** Freedom of Information

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Boyce** asked:

Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?

**Answer:**

In responding to FOI requests, the Department is required to take into account the Guidelines issued by the Australian Information Commissioner under section 93A of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and any advice provided by the Australian Information Commissioner and/or the Freedom of Information Commissioner. The Guidelines are updated from time to time and the Department is notified of these updates by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.