

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 180

Topic: Freedom of Information

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?

- a. If so, when?
- b. If so, how does this occur?

Answer:

The Department's decision-makers perform their duties independently and in accordance with the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*, the Guidelines issued by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner and the Better Practice Guide issued by the Attorney-General's Department.

Refer to Question No. 178 for details of how the Department consults or informs the Minister on Freedom of Information requests.