Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: BET 684-687

Topic: Freedom of Information (AOFM)

Hansard Page: Written (Received from Committee 13 June 2012)

Senator Bushby asked:

- 684. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
- 685. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
- 686. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date?
 - a) How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?
 - b) Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why?
 - c) Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?
- 687. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?

Answer:

Freedom of Information matters, in respect of the AOFM, are handled by the Department of the Treasury. The Treasury response to BET 648-651 includes the AOFM.