

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates

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Question: BET 1120-1123

Topic: Freedom of Information

Written: 17 June 2013

Senator BUSHBY asked:

- 1120. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
- 1121. What is the total cost to the department/agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?
- 1122. How many FOI requests has the department/agency received for this financial year to date?
 - a. How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted?
- 1123. Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests?
 - a. If so, how many and why?
 - b. Do any of these requests remain outstanding?
 - l. If so, how many and why?

Answer:

- 1120. The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) has issued guidelines under section 93A of the Freedom of Information Act 1982, available on the OAIC website at <http://www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/applying-the-foi-act/foi-guidelines/>. The guidelines are updated periodically and were last updated in March 2013.
- 1121. Nil.
- 1122. Nil.
 - a. Not applicable.
- 1123. Not applicable.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. Not applicable.
 - l. Not applicable.