

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio
Additional Estimates Hearing
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Freedom of Information

REFERENCE: Written Question: Senator Abetz

QUESTION No.: AI-28

Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
How many FOI requests has the Department received?
How many have been granted or denied?
How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

ANSWER

1. The Department processes and responds to FOIs in accordance with the FOI Act. As in accordance with the FOI Act the Department conducts consultations, when necessary, with other departments and agencies on documents relating to them for specific requests.
2. Since the June Estimates, the Department has received eleven requests.
3. Since the June Estimates, one request has been withdrawn, one request has been withheld, two released in partial form and five in full. The remainder are still being processed.
4. The Department has issued no conclusive certificates.