

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

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Question No: AET 110

Topic: FOI REQUESTS

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Senator Bushby asked:

1. How many FOI requests have you received since October Estimates?
2. How many have been granted or denied?
3. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

Answer:

1. The ATO has received 403 FOI requests for the period 1 November 2010 to 18 March 2011.
2. 202 of these requests were granted and 35 requests were denied for the same period (32 requests were withdrawn, 7 were transferred to another agency and 127 remain on hand).
3. No conclusive certificates have been issued in this period. (Note that the *Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Act 2009* repeals the power to issue conclusive certificates.)