

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio
Budget Estimates Hearing 2010-11
31 May 2010

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Freedom of Information (FOI)

REFERENCE: Written Question - Senator Barnett

QUESTION No.: BI -70

1. Has the department/agency received any advice from the Government or any other source on how to respond to FOI requests?
2. How many FOI requests has the Department received?
3. How many have been granted or denied?
4. How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

ANSWER

1. No.
2. 152* for the Portfolio (during the period 1 February 2010 – 31 May 2010. Refer answer to Question on Notice AI-67 for previous data)
3. 111 granted in full; 1 partially granted; 3 denied; 1 withdrawn by the applicant; 2 transferred; 35 still in progress.
4. None.

* Figures include input from IP Australia, ANSTO, ARC and CSIRO. Nil response received from AIMS and AIATSIS – previous Question on Notice Answers included the Department only.