

## Senate Standing Committee on Economics

### ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

#### Treasury Portfolio

#### Budget Estimates

31 May – 2 June 2011

**Question No:** BET 153

**Topic:** ATO – FOI requests

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**Senator Bushby asked:**

1. How many FOI requests has the Department received since February 2011 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 received 409 freedom of information requests for the period 24 February 2011 to 20 June 2011.
2. Of these, 197 (48.17%) were granted, 47 (11.49%) denied, 20 (4.89%) withdrawn and 145 (35.45%) remain on hand.
3. No conclusive certificates were issued in this period. The *Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures Act 2009)* repeals the power to issue conclusive certificates.