

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

**Outcome/Agency**      **Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0967\_09**

Senator **Humphries** provided in writing.

**Question**

*Freedom of Information (FOI)*

How many FOI requests has the Department received?

- (a)** How many have been granted or denied?
- (b)** How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

**Answer**

*The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has provided the following response.*

For the 2007-2008 financial year (3 December 2007 to 30 June 2008):

The Department had 13 valid FOI requests on hand as at 3/12/07.

The Department received 86 valid FOI requests in total.

The Department processed a total of 99 valid FOI requests in the period 3/12/07 – 30/6/08.

- (a)** Of these 99 valid FOI requests:
  - 57 requests were granted (23 in full, 34 in part); and
  - 4 requests were not granted.
- (b)** No conclusive certificates were issued for any FOI requests received by the Department for the 2007-2008 financial year.

For the 2008-2009 financial year to date (1 July 2008 to 22 February 2009):

The Department had 19 valid FOI requests on hand as at 1/7/08.

The Department received 133 valid FOI requests in total.

The Department processed a total of 152 valid FOI requests in the period 1/07/08 – 22/2/09)

- (a)** Of these 152 requests:
  - 102 requests were granted (64 in full, 38 in part); and
  - 6 requests were not granted.
- (b)** No conclusive certificates have been issued for any FOI requests received by the Department for the 2008-2009 financial year to date.