

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question: PM140

Outcome 1, Output 5.6 – Freedom of Information and Privacy Policy

Topic: Directive to staff regarding FOIs

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Senator Ronaldson asked: Has PM&C issued a directive to staff in relation to FOIs?

Answer:

The then Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) issued a memorandum to all PM&C staff in relation to Freedom of Information on 12 April 2007 and that circular is still in effect.

Freedom of Information guidelines for all agencies are on the website of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet at: www.pmc.gov.au/foi. These guidelines were previously issued by the Attorney-General's Department, but are now the responsibility of PM&C.