

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013**

**PM&C Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Outcome/Program:** National Mental Health Commission  
**Topic:** Freedom of Information Requests

**Senator:** Senator Ryan

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**Question:**

Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?

What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?

How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?

**Answer:**

The National Mental Health Commission seeks advice as required on FOI matters.

For this financial year to 28 May 2013, the National Mental Health Commission has received one FOI request and is currently processing it in accordance with the FOI Act.

For this financial year as at 28 May 2013, the total cost to the Commission to process this FOI request is not known.