QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0106) Program: Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

Portfolio wide: Freedom of Information - How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?

Answer.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship issued no conclusive certificates in the 2011-12 financial year to date. As advised in responses to previous questions on this topic, the power to issue conclusive certificates under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* was abolished on 7 October 2009.