

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(429) Program: Internal Product

Senator Barnett asked:

(1) How many FOI requests has the Department received?

(2) How many have been granted or denied?

Answer:

(1) From 1 July 2010 to 31 October 2010 the Department received 4 159 FOI requests (2 732 for access and 1 427 for amendments).

(2) Of the 4 126 requests finalised by the Department between 1 July 2010 and 31 October 2010:

- 2 532 (61.4%) were granted in full;
- 925 (22.4%) were granted in part;
- 503 (12.2%) were refused in full; and
- 166 (4%) were otherwise finalised (invalid, withdrawn or transferred).