

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 OCTOBER 2010**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(430) Program: Internal Product**

Senator Barnett asked:

How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

*Answer:*

Based on departmental records, the Department has not issued any conclusive certificates under sections 33, 33A and 36 of the FOI Act. The *Freedom of Information (Removal of Conclusive Certificates and Other Measures) Act 2009* commenced on 7 October 2009. The Act repealed the power to issue conclusive certificates in the FOI Act and the *Archives Act 1983*.