

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0071) Program : Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

(1) How many FOI requests has the Department received for the year 2010-11?

(2) How many have been granted or denied?

(3) How many FOI requests has the Department received this financial year to date?

(4) How many have been granted or denied?

Answer:

(1) For the 2010-11 financial year the Department received 11 725 FOI requests (a total of 8 058 were requests for access and 3 667 were requests for amendments).

(2) Of the 11 352 requests finalised by the Department for the 2010-11 financial year, (7 686 access and 3 666 amendments):

Access

- 4 152 (54.0%) were granted in full;
 - 2 688 (35.0%) were granted in part;
 - 671 (8.7%) were refused in full; and
 - 175 (2.3%) were otherwise finalised (withdrawn or transferred).
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- 7686 total access requests finalised.

Amendments:

- 2361 (64.4%) requests were altered;
 - 480 (13.1%) records were annotated; and
 - 825 (22.5%) were refused or withdrawn.
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- 3666 total amendment requests finalised.

(3) For the 2011-12 financial year to date (to 4 November 2011) the Department received 4 335 FOI requests (3 062 access and 1 273 amendments).

(4) Of the 4 439 requests finalised by the Department for the 2011-12 financial year to date (to 4 November 2011) (3 172 access and 1 267 amendments):

Access

- 1 758 (55.4%) were granted in full;
 - 1 039 (32.8%) were granted in part;
 - 287 (9.0%) were refused in full; and
 - 88 (2.8%) were otherwise finalised (withdrawn or transferred).
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- 3172 total access requests finalised.

Amendments:

- 727 (57.4%) requests were altered;
 - 226 (17.8%) records were annotated; and
 - 314 (24.8%) were refused or withdrawn.
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- 1267 total amendment requests finalised.

Please note that the number of requests received during a time period may not equal the number of requests finalised, as requests received in one time period may be finalised in the following time period.