

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 17 OCTOBER 2011

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(SE11/0072) Program : Internal Product

Senator Humphries asked:

(1) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for the year 2010-11?

(2) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this Financial Year to Date?

Answer:

(1) 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 The Act repealed the power to issue conclusive certificates in the FOI Act and the *Archives Act 1983*. Accordingly, the Department did not issue any conclusive certificates in 2010-11.

(2) The Department has not issued any conclusive certificates in the 2011-12 financial year to date.