

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES — FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPLICATIONS

634. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Commerce

For each Department and Agency within the Minister's portfolio, including the Ministerial office, will the Minister provide the following information for the period, 23 September 2008 to date, —

- (1) How many Freedom of Information (FOI) applications have been received?
- (2) What is the average time taken to process a FOI application?
- (3) What is the reason given for each FOI application exceeding the average time for processing?
- (4) How many FOI applications have been rejected by the Departments or Agencies within your portfolio?
- (5) How many of these rejections have been successfully appealed?
- (6) How many of these rejections are pending a decision of the FOI Commissioner?
- (7) What were the reasons given by the Departments and Agencies for rejecting each of the FOI applications?
- (8) What were the reasons given by the FOI Commissioner for upholding each of the appeals?

Hon BARRY HOUSE replied:

Hairdressers Registration Board

- (1) Nil
- (2)-(8) N/A

Small Business Development Corporation

- (1) The Small Business Development Corporation has not received any Freedom of Information applications since 23 September 2008.
- (2)-(8) Not applicable.

Builders' Registration Board of Western Australia

- (1) 1
- (2) 14
- (3) N/A
- (4) None
- (5)-(8) N/A

Painters' Registration Board of Western Australia

- (1) 1
- (2) 14
- (3) N/A
- (4) None
- (5)-(8) N/A

The Department of Commerce:

- (1) 132.
- (2) 21 days.
- (3) Time taken to negotiate and effect a change to the scope of an FOI application due to the initial scope being considered too broad.
- (4) None.
- (5)-(8) Not Applicable.

WorkCover WA

- (1) 4
- (2) 29 days
- (3) 2 exceeded 29 days. One for 42 days, which is still within the 45 days allowable. One for 49 days due to the scope of the request which required significant documentation be collated.
- (4) 1
- (5) None appealed
- (6) None pending decision

- (7) Request for information identified 3rd party
- (8) Not applicable