

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 633**  
**Asked on 29 April 2008**

DR FLEGG asked the Premier (MS BLIGH) -

**QUESTION:**

Will the Premier release details of the almost 11,000 documents exempted from freedom of information searches last year because they were taken to Cabinet, including a breakdown of requests denied by portfolio?

**ANSWER:**

The Freedom of Information Annual Report 2006-07 which was tabled in the House on 15 April 2008 provides a full breakdown, by portfolio, of the number of times that legislative exemptions have applied to documents that fall within the scope of FOI applications. These figures are provided in Appendix 1.7 of the report commencing at page 32.

It should be noted that the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* provides comprehensive review rights - both internal and external review – where access is refused.

I should also add that the Government commissioned report of the Freedom of Information Independent Review Panel being chaired by Dr David Solomon is expected shortly.