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Senator: Senator Nick Xenophon

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Question:

Senator XENOPHON: How many claims for whistle-blower protection were made, on average, in the last couple of years? Can you take that on notice?

Mr Beven: Yes, I will take that on notice.

Answer:

Protection for whistle-blowers is explained in the Registrar's policy statement PS-02: *Complaints involving corporations*.

The Registrar records claims of whistleblower protection but does not make a determination of whistleblower status.

The Registrar's records indicate that an average of four complainants each year over the last four years (2010–11 to 2013–14) have claimed whistleblower protection.