

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

- a) Senator DI NATALE: Yes. I would like to know whether there is any written guidance provided to enable the compliance officers to make their decisions.

Mr Rimmer: We will have to take that on notice. I do not think we have that information at the table.

Senator DI NATALE: Does that information exist?

Mr Rimmer: We will take that on notice.

- b) CHAIR: If you get information on the training of senior delegates as well, Mr Rimmer, that might be useful for the senators.

Mr Rimmer: Sure. We can provide that.

Answer:

- a) Yes. Written procedural guidelines are provided to compliance officers to guide them in the conduct of audits.
- b) The senior departmental officers who make decisions relating to CDDS audits are provided with a range of training relevant to their roles in the department. This training includes Australian Standard Auditing or Investigator Training, Exercising Delegations, Operational Guidelines, Code of Conduct and assistance in understanding the legislative requirements for the CDDS. All compliance officers are experienced auditors and/or investigators.