

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Human Services Portfolio

Topic: Legal Proceedings

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Question:

- a) Is the Department currently engaged in any legal proceedings?
- b) If so, what is the detail of the nature of these proceedings?

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) The nature of legal proceedings engaged in by the department, sometimes for and on behalf of other departments, primarily relates to:
 - decisions under the:
 - social security and family assistance law;
 - child support legislation;
 - legislation regarding Medicare and the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme; and
 - Freedom of Information legislation;
 - requests for information;
 - employment matters; and
 - allegations of discrimination.