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Question No: 8

Topic: Staff misconduct

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Senator Cash asked:

Can you provide details of how many FaHCSIA staff have been found to be using a departmental computer incorrectly, inappropriately or in a criminal matter in 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 to date, the nature of the breaches, if any, the location of the breaches and the action taken against the staff if they were involved?

Answer:

There were no recorded cases of an employee inappropriately using departmental computer systems to perform any illegal or criminal activities from 1 January 2010 to 31 May 2013.

In terms of APS Code of Conduct breaches, the following occurred during the years in question:

2012-13

Number of Employees	Issue	Action taken
4	Used departmental computers for inappropriate communication with other employees	All four staff were issued with a formal reprimand
1	Used a departmental computer to undertake private business activities	The employee was advised of a preliminary sanction decision of "termination of employment" prior to the employee resigning.

2011-12

Number of Employees	Issue	Action taken
1	Used departmental computers for inappropriate communication with another employee	The employee was issued with a formal reprimand

2010-11

There were no recorded breaches of the APS Code of Conduct during this period.