

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 3 JUNE 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Child Support – 2008 Ombudsman Report

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Question:

At hearing, Mr Withnell suggested that there had been 29 matters referred to the CDPP in 2013-14. Please provide a breakdown of the offences (e.g. Section XYZ of ‘Assessment Act’) to which those 29 referrals was attributed?

Answer:

The breakdown of offences for the 29 referrals to the CDPP in the 2013-14 financial year are detailed in the table below.

Offences	CDPP Referrals
Section 120 of the <i>Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988</i>	17
Section 121 of the <i>Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988</i>	1
Section 72A of the <i>Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988</i>	4
Section 72F of the <i>Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988</i>	5
Section 136.1(1) of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> *	1
Section 137.1(1) of the <i>Criminal Code Act 1995</i> *	1
Total	29

*Note: The department investigated two matters for potential offences against section 159 of the *Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989*, however, following consultation with the CDPP, the department referred these matters for offences under the above sections of the *Criminal Code Act 1995*.