

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Freedom of Information – Information Commissioner - Own Motion Investigation

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Senator: Cameron

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Question:

- a) Is the Department of Human Services the subject of an own-motion investigation by the Information Commissioner into DHS FOI practices?
- b) On what date was DHS advised of the investigation?
- c) What are the terms of reference of the investigation?
- d) Please table relevant correspondence including emails between DHS and the OIC on this matter.

Answer:

- a) Yes.
- b) 7 October 2014.
- c) The department's administration of the Freedom of Information Act 1982.
- d) As the own-motion investigation is ongoing it is not appropriate for the department to disclose correspondence including emails related to the investigation.