

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015

#### Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000055

Senator Cameron asked on 10 April 2015 on proof Hansard page 3

#### Question

#### Referrals to the CDPP

Mr Hehir: There have been 38 referrals to the DPP.

Senator CAMERON: Since when?

Mr Hehir: Since 2006.

Senator CAMERON: Since 2006 there have been 38?

Mr Hehir: Yes.

Senator CAMERON: How many of them have got finality in terms of the prosecution?

Mr Parsons: I will probably have to take this on notice, but my understanding is that there is probably less than a handful that are still under investigation. I would say that definitely more than 30 have come to conclusion.

Senator CAMERON: What was the outcome of those prosecutions?

Mr Parsons: Again, I would have to take that on notice. My recollection is that we have a very good strike record with DPP prosecutions. As you are aware, the evidence standard has to meet the criminal standard.

Senator CAMERON: I am not asking what your strike record is. I am asking what the outcomes of the prosecutions were.

Mr Parsons: I will have to take it on notice.

Senator CAMERON: Can nobody here tell me that?

Senator Abetz: In fairness, they are prosecutions dating back from 2006 and there are 38 of them. It is highly unlikely that people would have that sort of information in their back pocket.

#### Answer

Since 1 January 2006, the Investigations Branch has submitted 40 briefs of evidence (including two that were submitted on 9 April immediately before the Senate Estimates hearing and that were therefore not included in the figures provided at Estimates on 10 April) to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) for consideration of prosecution in relation to the Job Services Australia (JSA) and the former Job Network (JN). Of these:

- 17 matters were successfully prosecuted;
- one matter was prosecuted by the CDPP, but the individual was not convicted;
- two matters are being considered by the CDPP for prosecution; and
- 20 matters were not accepted by the CDPP for prosecution.

**Attachment A** provides details of the JSA and JN matters prosecuted since 2006.