

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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Are there any penalties for these breaches?

**Answer:**

There are no specific penalties set out in legislation. It is open for the IGIS to draw matters to the attention of the agency head, relevant responsible Minister or the Prime Minister, as well as make note of the issue in the Annual Report. If a particular breach raised issues of misconduct this might be a matter dealt with under agency code of conduct procedures.