

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS – OCTOBER 2016

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government entities and prescribed private sector organisations, by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and statutory compliance inspections and reporting.

Topic: Section 9 notices

Senator: Senator Xenophon

Question reference number: 69

Type of question: FPA Committee - 17 October 2016

Date set by the Committee for the return of answer: 2 December 2016

Senator XENOPHON: I will not labour on this point, but in answers to written questions on notice for the additional estimates you indicated that the Ombudsman's office had five section 9 notices issued in 2014-15. Of these, four were issued to private individuals and one was issued to the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, and to date—this was back in February 2016—nil section 9 notices have been issued in 2015-16. Is that still the case? Or how many were issued in that financial year?

Mr Glenn: I would have to take that on notice, I do not know that number off the top of my head.

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Question:

Senator XENOPHON:

Can the Ombudsman please provide the number of S9 notices the Ombudsman issued last financial year, and this financial year to date – perhaps tabulated by the Department/Agency they were issued to.

Answer:

No section 9 notices were issued in 2015-16.

No section 9 notices have been issued to date in 2016-17.