

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 3**

**Question No. 49**

**Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:**

Senator SINGH: How many prosecutions have been obtained since the Abbott government came into office? I think I might have asked this question at the last November estimates as well. How many prosecutions have you pursued since the Abbott government has been in office?

Mr Bromwich: At any one time we have a body of existing cases and we have a body of new matters that come in. I do not keep in my head a tally of those sorts of figures. I can indicate that there is no difference that I am aware of in the pattern before or after the election. It is not the sort of thing that changes.

Senator SINGH: So you do not have the numbers?

Mr Bromwich: Not to that degree of detail off the top of my head—remembering of course also that even if there was some change of legislation or government policy, even if there was a dramatic change in the law yesterday or the Monday after the election or the month after the election, it takes quite a long time for things to come through an investigative pipeline. So, other than things like drug busts and those sorts of things, which occur more on the spot, we would not be receiving anything of complexity that had been new since the election, for example.

Senator SINGH: Maybe you could take that on notice.

Mr Bromwich: Certainly. Just for clarity, you wish to know the number of matters that have commenced since the election?

Senator SINGH: Yes.

Mr Bromwich: We can give that statistic.

Senator SINGH: And also what areas of criminal law they relate to—or whether you can go into that now.

Mr Bromwich: Do you mean which offences?

Senator SINGH: Yes.

Mr Bromwich: We will get to the statistics and provide the figures by some sort of logical breakdown.

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Mr Bromwich: I take it you want it by some sort of grouping rather than individual section numbers—drug cases or something of that type.

Senator SINGH: That is right, yes.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

**CHARGES COMMENCED SINCE THE LAST FEDERAL ELECTION (07.09.2013), BY  
ACT OR REGULATION**

<b>Criminal Code (Cth), Part number</b>	<b>Summary (Charges)</b>	<b>Indictment (Charges)</b>
Chapter 4 - The integrity and security of the international community and foreign governments	0	3
Part 5.3 - Terrorism	1	0
Part 7.2 - Theft and Other property offences	12	5

Part 7.3 - Fraudulent conduct	1229	92
Part 7.4 - False or misleading statements	115	5
Part 7.6 - Bribery and related offences	10	0
Part 7.7 - Forgery and related offences	17	9
Part 7.8 - Causing harm to, and impersonation and obstruction of , Commonwealth public officials	17	4
Chapter 8 - Offences against humanity and related offences	8	21
Part 9.1 - Serious drug offences	89	202
Part 9.5 – Identity crime	19	1
Part 10.2 - Money laundering	19	52
Part 10.5 - Postal services	22	4
Part 10.6 - Telecommunications services	73	142
Part 10.7 - Computer offences	12	1
Part 10.8 - Financial information offences	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1643</b>	<b>543</b>

This table represents 1047 defendants. Data as at 25.03.2014.

<b>Other legislation or Regulation</b>	<b>Summary (Charges)</b>	<b>Indictment (Charges)</b>
Taxation Administration Act 1953	193	0
Fisheries Management Act 1991	137	0
Bankruptcy Act 1966	108	9
Health Insurance Act 1973	73	34
Customs Act 1901	55	51
Copyright Act 1968	55	30
Migration Act 1958	19	32
Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing Act 2006	45	3
Therapeutic Goods Act 1989	48	0
Corporations Act 2001	32	13
Quarantine Act 1908	40	2
Australian Passports Act 2005	32	1
Civil Aviation Regulations 1988	32	0
Crimes (Aviation) Act 1991	20	8
Crimes (Currency) Act 1981	18	5
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations 2000	19	0
Trade Marks Act 1995	12	6
Child Support (Registration and Collection) Act 1988	17	0
Passports Act 1938	9	7
Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005	13	2
Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006	15	0
Foreign Passports (Law Enforcement and Security) Act 2005	1	13
Aviation Transport Security Act 2004	12	1
Crimes Act 1914	9	4
Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988	13	0
Civil Aviation Act 1988	12	0
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999	9	1
Airports (Control of On-Airport Activities) Regulations 1997	8	0
Crimes (Foreign Incursions and Recruitment) Act 1978	0	8
Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994	5	0
Census and Statistics Act 1905	5	0
National Consumer Credit Protection Act 2009	5	0
Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Act 1983	5	0

Excise Act 1901	2	2
Social Security (Administration) Act 1999	4	0
Export Control Act 1982	3	0
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975	3	0
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Regulations 1983	3	0
Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001	2	0
Business Names Registration Act 2011	2	0
Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995	0	2
Imported Food Control Act 1992	2	0
Radiocommunications Act 1992	1	1
Australian Citizenship Act 1948	1	0
Australian Federal Police Act 1979	1	0
Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998	1	0
Crimes (Internationally Protected Persons) Act 1976	1	0
Defence Act 1903	1	0
Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997	1	0
Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976	1	0
Imported Food Control Regulations 1993	1	0
Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Regulations 2003	1	0
National Health Act 1953	0	1
Social Security Act 1991	1	0
Telecommunications Act 1997	1	0
Non Commonwealth Legislation	120	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>1229</b>	<b>375</b>

This table represents 586 defendants. Data as at 25.03.2014.