

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL
AFFAIRS**

BUDGET ESTIMATES 2017

Office of the Australian Information Commission

Question No. BE17-136

Senator Rhiannon asked the following question on 08 June 2017:

1. Considering the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner has extra responsibilities starting in February 2018 when mandatory data breach notification requirements will cover all entities that come under the Privacy Act:
 - (a) what extra resources have been allocated fund this work?
 - (b) Will additional staff be allocated? If so how many? If not, why not?
2. Are reports on their investigations released as the Office determines or are there requirements on the Office to produce reports with regularity?
 - (a) If it is the later how often are reports to be released?
3. Considering a report was released in 2012 and another in 2014 when will the next report be released?

The response to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

- 1)
 - a) The OAIC has not been allocated any additional funding for this function.
 - b) The OAIC will allocate staff resources to the Notifiable Data Breach function from existing resources as part of its priority setting processes.
- 2) The OAIC is unsure to which reports the question refers and therefore cannot provide an answer.
 - a) See the answer above.
- 3) See response to question 2.