

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates, 16 February 2006

Question: AT 67

Topic: *DPP*

Hansard Page: Written

Senator LUDWIG asked:

1. How many briefs have you forwarded to the DPP for 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05?
 - (a) How many briefs were returned without action, and how many were actioned?
2. For each year, what was the average time (as well as indicating the minimum and maximum time in each case) in which it took the DPP to:
 - (a) Bring charges against the accused party
 - (b) Formally bring the matter to a conclusion through either a verdict of guilty or not guilty, the entrance of a nolle prosequi or dropping the charges
 - (c) Return the brief for no further action
3. Did the department or agency forward any formal complaints to the DPP regarding the handling of the brief?
 - (a) If so, give details.
4. Did the department or agency forward any informal complaints to the DPP regarding the handling of the brief?
 - (a) If so, give details.

Answer:

1. APRA does record the number of referrals to other agencies and police as follows:
 - 2001-02: 22;
 - 2002-03: 77;
 - 2003-04: 135; and
 - 2004-05: 134.

1(a), 2 (a) – (c) Without a detailed examination of each individual file, it is not possible to provide a detailed response in the form requested. Anecdotally, staff recollection is that action was taken in a reasonable time frame. A more detailed response would require considerable resources and effort.

3. Without detailed examination of each file, it is not possible to provide a response. A more detailed response would require considerable resources and effort.

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