

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

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Topic: Centrelink – Fraud – Prosecutions

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SENATOR COONAN asked on 22/02/2008:

What is the cost of investigations and prosecutions undertaken in the current year?

Answer:

From 1 July 2007 to 29 February 2008, Centrelink has undertaken 25,002 fraud investigations at an estimated cost of \$825 each.

The Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions is responsible for all prosecution action. Centrelink is unable to provide a figure for this.