

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

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Question: HS65

Outcome 1, Output 1

Topic: Core Department – Privacy Breaches

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SENATOR EVANS asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

How many complaints of breaches of privacy have DHS, and its agencies, received and how many upon investigation have been upheld, in the reporting years 2004 – 2005 and 2005 - 2006?

Answer:

The following response relates to complaints of breaches of privacy investigated by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner in relation to the Department, excluding the Child Support Agency and CRS Australia. Those agencies will provide a separate response.

For the reporting year 2004-2005, an answer to this question was provided in response to Senate Estimates Question HS58 from the Additional Estimates hearing held on 14 February 2006.

As of 31 May 2006, for the reporting year 2005-2006 the Privacy Commissioner did not notify the Department of any complaints or investigations of privacy breaches.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour and 55 minutes at an estimated cost of \$114.