

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 25 May 2006

Question: HS66

Outcome 1, Output 2

Topic: Child Support Agency - 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:

This answer relates to the Child Support Agency, within the Department of Human Services.

The following figures relate to complaints of breaches of privacy investigated by the Office of the Federal Privacy Commissioner.

For 2004-2005, please see the answer to HS58 from the Additional Estimates Hearing held on 14 February 2006.

For the period 1 July 2005 to 31 May 2006 the Office of the Privacy Commissioner commenced investigating 5 complaints of privacy breaches. The investigations into these complaints have not yet been finalised.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 2 hours and 12 minutes at an estimated cost of \$128.