

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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Topic: Centrelink – Privacy Breaches

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SENATOR EVANS asked on 25/5/2006:

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

For the 2004-2005 financial year figures, please refer to the answer found in HS58 from February 2006 Estimates.

For the 2005-2006 financial year the Privacy Commissioner commenced investigating three complaints of privacy breaches. One investigation was finalised as the customer withdrew their complaint.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour and 51 minutes at an estimated cost of \$110.