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Answers to Questions on Notice

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Topic: Photographic pass requests rejected

Question P7

Senator FAULKNER—How many people have been rejected for a photographic pass as a result of a police records check?

Ms Penfold—I do not have those figures. I can get them for you if you would like to give me a period.

Senator FAULKNER—I would like them.

Ms Penfold—I do not mean that I need time to get them. I mean over what time period do you want them—for the last 12 months, for the last five years?

Senator FAULKNER—Let us have a look at them for the last five years. That would be helpful.

Answer

DPS's records suggest that, in the 5-year period from 1 January 2002 to 6 June 2006, 3,495 pass applications were made by DPS staff or DPS contractors, and 51 of those applicants were rejected for a photographic pass as a result of an adverse police records check.

Please note that this information was gathered from a database that was not designed to report this information as a standard request. The information therefore can not be guaranteed to be completely accurate.