

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 147

Senator Ludwig asked the following question on 17 February 2006:

Further to the reply to Question 275 of 31 October 2005:

a) It is indicated in the answer to Question number 275 that those cases do not include referrals involving fraud committed against a department or agencies by employees as these categorised by the AFP under corruption. Provide the same answers with how many investigations of corruption for this question?

b) In the reply to Question 275 part (a) it is indicated that the statistics do not differentiate whether the referring Commonwealth department or agency is a victim of the alleged fraud, why not?

c) Do you keep these statistics and if not, why not?

d) For the answer to part (c) of this question, please provide a break down as per request of how many cases recorded a conviction in -

- i) 2000
- ii) 2001
- iii) 2002
- iv) 2003
- v) 2004
- vi) 2005

e) Please provide the breakdown by original agency or department recording the fraud.

The answer to the honourable Senator's question is as follows:

a) Internal frauds by employees of Commonwealth Departments are categorised by AFP under corruption, with a special category of fraud by Commonwealth Officer.

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Number of corruption cases by referring agency (with special category of fraud by Commonwealth Officer).

	2005/06	2004/05	2003/04	2002/03	2001/02	2000/01	1999/00	Total
Australia Post		1						1
Centrelink	1	1		1		1		4
Defence			1					1
Australian Securities & Investment Commission					1			1
Australian Government Solicitors						1		1
Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs						1		1
Australian Taxation Office						1		1
Other Cwlth Department		1						1
Other agency							1	1
Total	1	3	1	1	1	4	1	12

* These statistics do not include other records where investigations into other allegations have resulted in corruption charges. The functionality of AFP systems does not allow the capture of these records. To provide these statistics would require the manual retrieval and examination of a large number of cases for relevance and would be an onerous task.

(i)

Corruption cases with special category of fraud by Commonwealth Officer

Financial Year	Cases	Value average
2005/06	1	443
2004/05	3	48,867
2003/04	1	0
2002/03	1	18,851
2001/02	1	0
2000/01	4	25,162
1999/00	1	0

*2005/2006 period from 01 July2005 to 28 February 2006.

* These value averages are based on estimates at the time of referral.

- b) The functionality of the AFP reporting system (not including AFP reporting in the ACT Policing function) allows for the capture of the referring Commonwealth agency but not the victim of the alleged fraud. However, in the majority of cases this Commonwealth agency is also the victim. The AFP system does not differentiate between referring agency and victim.
- c) Statistics are only maintained for the referring Commonwealth agency.
- d) The 216 cases are broken down into financial years and do not include details prior to 2002 - 2003 as details of convictions have only been reliably recorded since that time.
- i) no reliable records
 - ii) no reliable records
 - iii) 2002-03 - 68
 - iv) 2003-04 - 37
 - v) 2004-05 - 85
 - vi) 2005-06 - 26

Since the answer to Question 275, in the 2005-2006 year to date, there have been an additional 13 cases resulting in a successful conviction.

- e) The following breakdown of convictions by referring Commonwealth agency includes an additional 13 cases (arising since the last response to this question) resulting in a successful conviction in the 2005-06 year to date.

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (YTD)
Australian Customs Service	2	0	2	1
AFP Internal	5	1	3	1
Attorney's General	0	0	1	0
Australian Securities & Investments Commission	0	0	0	1
Australian Taxation Office	10	6	19	7
AUSTRAC	0	0	1	0
Australia Post	1	0	3	0
Centrelink	42	23	43	21
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1	0	1	2
Department of Immigration & Multicultural Affairs	0	1	2	0
Insolvency Trustees Services Australia	0	0	2	2
Non-Commonwealth Department	1	1	1	0
Other Commonwealth Department	6	5	7	4
TOTAL	68	37	85	39