

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
FEDERAL MAGISTRATES COURT

Question No. 158

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2007:

a) Are you able to indicate what criminal record or history checks are undertaken for members of staff who are applying

i) Does this cover all staff – permanent and temporary?

b) Are you able to indicate – during 2006-07 – whether or not any staff have been dismissed as a result of a discovery of a criminal record or history?

i) If so:

1) How was this discovered?

2) Without identifying the person, give details as to the history?

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

a) Consent to obtain personal information is completed at the commencement of employment with the Court. Questions on this form cover:

a request for information regarding criminal/traffic charges, conviction or pecuniary penalties over the last ten years; details of permanent residential addresses over the preceding ten years as well as name/date and place of birth and other surnames used.

i) Permanent and temporary staff are required to complete the Consent to Obtain Personal Information form.

b) No staff have been dismissed as a result of a discovery of a criminal record or history.