

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Question No. 170

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) All new staff undergo an Australian Federal Police 'Criminal history Check' unless, when transferring from a commonwealth agency, there is evidence of a recent check.

i. All staff.

b) No staff have been dismissed following a criminal history check.