

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

14 June 2018

Attorney General's Department

Senator Louise Pratt asked the following questions at the hearing on 14 June 2018:

1. **Senator PRATT:** Your submission says that, of the 49 notifications, they were for the '15-'16 financial year. Have you got the figures for the '16-'17 financial year?

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

The Department has published statistical data for 2016-17 relating to Commonwealth agency compliance with the *Legal Services Directions 2017* (the Directions). This information can be found on the department's [website](#).

The Department received a total of 63 notifications of alleged non-compliance with the Directions in 2016-17.

Out of these 63 notifications, 48 related to model litigant obligations.

15 of these 48 notifications were reported to the Office of Legal Services Coordination (OLSC) by individuals. 33 of these 48 notifications were reported to OLSC by agencies.

Out of these 48 notifications, three incidents of actual non-compliance with the model litigant obligation were identified. OLSC was satisfied that agencies had undertaken an appropriate assessment and that none of these three incidents raised systemic issues within the agency or across the Commonwealth.