Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Department of Human Services

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Senator: McCarthy

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Question:

Senator McCARTHY: Dr Charker, 431,150 investigations is just with CDP. How many other investigations with other programs do you have, on average?

Dr Charker: I will see if we can get that figure for you. I do not have it right in front of me this minute. Let us see if we can get it.

Answer:

For the period 1 July 2016 to 31 March 2017, the Department received 370,721 reports for investigation of a penalty for employment services programmes other than CDP.

It should be noted that these figures have been extracted from the Department's internal transactional data which relates to reports received. This is different from the data published by the Department of Employment which is based around the number of reports finalised following validation and investigation of a failure.