

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **BUSDGET ESTIMATES – 1 JUNE 2017 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

#### **Department of Human Services**

**Topic:** Staff criminal offences

**Question reference number:** HS 58 (SQ17-000140)

**Senator:** Rhiannon

**Type of question:** Written

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#### **Question:**

Are there any instances within the DHS whereby there have been information and allegations of DHS employees committing criminal offences and they have not been referred to an appropriate law enforcement agency? Why would this happen?

#### **Answer:**

The Department takes any allegations of serious non-compliance and fraud seriously and investigates all such allegations. Where evidence of a criminal offence is found, the matter is always referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency or the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.