

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 22 OCTOBER 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Audits

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Question:

- a) How many audits and investigations (by programme) did the Department conduct into suspect fraudulent activity in 2014-15?
 - 1. How many of these investigations lead to prosecution by the CDPP?
 - 2. In how many cases was the Department's determination challenge?
 - 3. How many of the prosecutions were settled?
 - 4. What was the nature of the settlement and what were the amounts?
- b) How many health professionals were audited by the Department in 2014-15?
 - 1. How many health professional were required to present documentation to the Department in 2014-15?
 - 2. How many of these audits lead to prosecution of the health professional?
 - 3. In how many cases did the health professional seek a review of the Departments decision?
 - 4. How many of the prosecutions were settled and what were the amounts?
 - 5. How many audits settled between 2013 -2015 were from audits commenced in previous years?
 - 6. How many audits are still ongoing?

Answer:

- a) 1) to 4) See response to Budget Estimates June 2015 question HS 61.
- b) 1) to 5) See response to Budget Estimates June 2015 question HS 61.
 - 6) As at 31 October 2015 there were 1,144 audits still ongoing from previous financial years.