

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

Question No: 123

Topic: Complaints about registered charities with patterns of unlawful behaviour

Reference: Hansard page 89 (19 October 2016)

Senator: Bushby, David

Question:

Senator BUSHBY: Since 2015, have you received any complaints about registered charities having a pattern of unlawful behaviour and, if so, how many?

Mr Locke: I think we would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Since January 2015, the ACNC has received 1,875 concerns about charities.

The category of the concern – 1 January 2015 – 31 October 2016

Category	Total
Activity not stated purpose	41
Assessed as having no ACNC risk	16
Conflicts of interest	7
Disqualified persons	2
Disqualifying political purposes	16
Fraudulent or criminal activity	61
Governance standards	150
Harm to beneficiaries	3
Imminent loss/harm to assets	2
Mismanagement	6
Not entitled to charity sub-type	1
Other	61
Private Benefit	163
Purpose	1
Record keeping and reporting obligations	39
Reporting issues	5
Terrorist activity	7
Total	581