

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
 Industry, Tourism and Resources Portfolio
 Additional Estimates 2005-2006, 16 February 2006

AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES AND ALL PORTFOLIO AGENCIES
TOPIC: BRIEFS TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS
REFERENCE: WRITTEN QUESTIONS

QUESTION No.AI-101

Senator Ludwig asked:

How many briefs have you forwarded to the DPP for 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05? How many briefs were returned without action, and how many were actioned?

ANSWER

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources

The Department did not submit any briefs directly to the DPP between 2001-02 and 2004-05.

The process undertaken by the Department was to refer matters to the relevant Federal or State law enforcement agency to investigate. These agencies then provided a brief of evidence to the State or Commonwealth DPP.

The following table provides the break up of briefs forwarded to the DPP following law enforcement investigations.

Year	Law Enforcement Agency	DPP	No. briefs forwarded to DPP	No. briefs returned without action	No. briefs actioned by DPP
2001-02	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
2002-03	Australian Federal Police	Commonwealth DPP	4	2	2
2003-04	Australian Federal Police	Commonwealth DPP	1	0	1
	Queensland State Police	Queensland DPP	1	0	1
2004-05	Australian Federal Police	Commonwealth DPP	1	0	1

Portfolio Agencies

None of the agencies in the Industry, Tourism and Resources portfolio forwarded any briefs to the DPP during this period.

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QUESTION No.AI-102

Senator Ludwig asked:

For each year, what was the average time (as well as indicating the minimum and maximum time in each case) in which it took the DPP to:

- a. Bring charges against the accused party
- b. Formally bring the matter to a conclusion through either a verdict of guilty or not guilty, the entrance of a nolle prosequi or dropping the charges
- c. Return the brief for no further action

ANSWER

Briefs to the DPP were provided directly by Law Enforcement Agencies. The Department has not had direct visibility of the timeframes involved on a case by case basis.

QUESTION No.AI-103

Senator Ludwig asked:

Did the Department or agency forward any formal complaints to the DPP regarding the handling of the brief? If so, give details.

ANSWER

No.

QUESTION No.AI-104

Senator Ludwig asked:

Did the Department or agency forward any informal complaints to the DPP regarding the handling of the brief? If so, give details.

ANSWER

No.