

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates, 16 February 2006

**Question: AT 74**

**Topic:** *DPP*

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**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1. How many briefs have you forwarded to the DPP for 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, and 2004-05?
  - (a) How many briefs were returned without action, and how many were actioned?
2. 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
3. Did the department or agency forward any formal complaints to the DPP regarding the handling of the brief?
  - (a) If so, give details.
4. Did the department or agency forward any informal complaints to the DPP regarding the handling of the brief?
  - (a) If so, give details.

**Answer:**

1. The Treasury has forwarded 4 briefs directly or via the AFP to the DPP for prosecution.

2001/02	– 1
2002/03	– Nil
2003/04	– 1
2004/05	– 2

  - a) No briefs returned without action
2.

a)	2001/02	5 weeks
	2002/03	Nil
	2003/04	5 weeks
	2004/05	5 weeks;

Matter referred by AFP returned further investigation/proofs (still under way).
  - b)

2001/02	20 months
2002/03	Nil
2003/04	12 weeks
2004/05	12 weeks; and

One case subject to litigation under Judiciary Act 1903 (expected to be heard in June 2006)
  - c) Nil
3. No
4. No