

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2004-2005 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
31 MAY AND 1 JUNE 2004**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: Corporate

Question Number: W136-05

Question:

Senator Ludwig asked in writing:

How many incidents of fraud were detected against the department in 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04? For each incident:

- (a) What was the subject of the fraud in each instance?
- (b) What was the value of the fraud?
- (c) Which administrative unit was the subject of the fraud?
- (d) Was anyone charged with fraud (specify if they were employed by the Department)?
- (e) Was anyone convicted of the fraud (specify if they were employed by the Department)?
- (f) Were any of the defrauded items or was any of the defrauded money recovered?

Answer:

2003-04 see Schedule 1 (attached).

In the 2002-03 Schedule 2 (attached).

For the years prior to 2002-03, the department did not disaggregate the records of incidents of fraud from various incidents of contractual non-compliance. Accordingly, it would be an unreasonable diversion of the department's investigatory resources to recall and revisit files on the incidents in question in order to provide figures in respect of the number of fraud incidents detected by the department in respect of 2000-01 and 2001-02. However, the department has identified 9 such incidents for which a conviction resulted, the details of which are provided in table format at Schedule 3 (attached).

The following acronyms are used in Schedules 1-3:

AGCC – Australian Government Credit Card
FSU – Financial Services Unit
GEERS – General Employee Entitlement and Redundancy Scheme
IEP – Indigenous Employment Programme
IS – Intensive Support
JM – Job Matching
JP – Job Placement
NEIS – New Enterprise Incentive Scheme
TRA – Trades Recognition Australia