

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: F47 - F52**

**All Outcomes and Outputs**

**Topic: Director of Public Prosecutions**

**Written Question on Notice**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. How many briefs have you forwarded to the DPP for 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 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:**

Department of Finance and Administration

Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)

Commonwealth Superannuation Administration (ComSuper)

Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme Board and the Public Sector Superannuation Board (CSS/PSS Boards)

1. The Department of Finance and Administration, CGC, ComSuper and CSS/PSS Boards have not forwarded any briefs to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for the period 2001-02 to 2004-05.
2. Not Applicable.
3. Not Applicable.
4. Not Applicable.

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Australian Electoral Commission

1.– 4. The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has only forwarded one brief to the DPP in the period 2001-02 to 2004-05. This was returned without action.

In all other cases the AEC has referred matters to the Australian Federal Police (AFP). The AFP then gathers evidence and is responsible for referring cases to the DPP.