

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation  
Committee—Additional Estimates February 2006**

**Parliament Portfolio, Department of Parliamentary Services**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Topic: Briefs forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecutions**

**Question P8**

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**

1 The Department of Parliamentary Services has not forwarded any briefs to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions or the ACT Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions during the periods in question.

(a) Not applicable.

2 Not applicable (see response to Question 1).

3 Not applicable (see response to Question 1).

4 Not applicable (see response to Question 1).