

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Estimates Hearings 2005-2006, 13 February 2006

Question: PM 39

Outcome 1, all Outputs

Topic: Briefs to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP)

Direct 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: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet did not forward any briefs to the DPP in 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 or 2004-05.