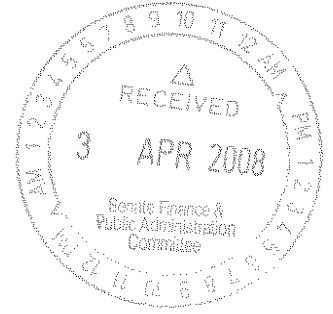


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Topic: Centrelink - Serious Social Security Fraud

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SENATOR COONAN asked on 22/02/2008:

How many investigations into potential cases of serious fraud are currently on foot? How many such cases have been completed since April 2007?

Answer:

As at 29 February 2008, there were 7,477 investigations where action is not complete. These investigations relate to potential cases of serious fraud being investigated as part of the Enhanced Focus on Serious Social Security Fraud Budget measure.

A total of 5,364 investigations have been completed between the period 1 April 2007 and 29 February 2008, as part of the Enhanced Focus on Serious Social Security Fraud Budget measure.