Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2012

Answers to Questions on Notice

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Question: **47**

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Senator LUDLAM: Do you know how many websites in that domain in total are blocked?
Mr Kenny: I do not know.
Senator LUDLAM: Is that something that you would be able to find out for us? I spent two years campaigning against an internet filter for the general population only to discover that now I am one of the only people in the country who is filtered, which is a little but alarming. I am just trying to get a sense of the scope of it.
Mr Kenny: We can try and find out. I do not know whether that information is able to be found, but we can try. When I say 'able to be found' I mean whether there is a place where all .info sites are registered and whether we can make an inquiry.

Answer

1   Statistics from an internet domain tool provider indicate that, on 29 February 2012, there were 8,357,549 active .info domains.

2   When the .info domains were blocked to PH users, all of them would have been blocked, except for those that had been specifically unblocked.

3   The default block settings were removed on 21 February 2012.