Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio Centrelink

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SENATOR WONG asked on 26 May 2005:

Senator WONG—Do you understand that under statute the discretion lies with your organisation to require you to ensure that there is an independent assessment of the material presented to you by Job Network seeking that a person be suspended?

Mr Whalan—I would like to either take some advice or take that on notice. You are suggesting that it does but I would like to either take some advice or take it on notice.

Answer:

In response to the Senator's question the answer is 'yes'.