

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Human Services and agencies**

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**Question: HS98**

**Outcome 1, Output Group 1.1**

**Topic: Centrelink - Prosecutions**

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**SENATOR EVANS** asked on 26 May 2005:

(1) In each of the last three financial years:

- (a) How many Centrelink customers have been prosecuted by the Director of Public Prosecutions?
- (b) How many of these customers have had legal representation?
- (c) In terms of those prosecuted, over the past three financial years, could we have a breakdown of the range of sentences handed down, broken down by gender?
- (d) How much of the DPP's financial resources and staff time is taken up dealing with Social Security prosecutions?

**Answer:**

(1)(a)

2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
2928	2899	3055

(b)(c)(d) Centrelink is unable to respond to these questions as they are the responsibility of the Director of Public Prosecutions. These questions should be directed to the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department.