

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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Topic: Centrelink – Welfare to Work - Adverstising Campaign - Privacy

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SENATOR WONG asked on 25/5/2006:

Senator WONG—From the part I read out to you—and I would be pleased if you wanted to point me elsewhere—it seems to be clear that the use of the private information, for example, the information that DEWR would be given, is:

... to carry out their functions of administering these laws, as well as evaluating and monitoring the delivery of programs and for the conduct of appeals.

How does the provision of the private details of Centrelink customers for the purpose of developing an advertising campaign fall within your privacy policy?

Mr Whalan—I am not aware that we did provide them.

Senator WONG—Okay, let us talk hypothetically. I accept that you do not believe you did, but you might want to check that.

Mr Whalan—I will check it.

Answer:

Please refer to HS 27.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1 hour at an estimated cost of \$63.