

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Finance and Administration Portfolio**

**Department of Human Services and agencies**

Budget Estimates 2006-2007, 25 May 2006

**Question: HS 68**

**Outcome 1, Output 1.1**

**Topic: Medicare Australia - Privacy Breaches**

**Hansard Page/Written Question on Notice: Written**

**SENATOR EVANS** asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

How many complaints of breaches of privacy have DHS, and its agencies, received and how many upon investigation have been upheld, in the reporting years 2004 – 2005 and 2005 - 2006?

**Answer:**

The following figures relate to complaints of breaches of privacy investigated by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner:

As at 14 June 2006, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner has referred three complaints to Medicare Australia for action. Two are currently ongoing and the Commissioner did not make a determination in regards to the other complaint.

For 2004-2005, please see the answer to HS58 from the Additional Estimates Hearing held on 14 February 2006.

To prepare this answer it has taken approximately 4 hours and 45 minutes at an estimated cost of \$283.