

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Centrelink

Budget Estimates 2007-08 - May 2007

Question: HS39

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Topic: Centrelink – Fraud field operations with Police Involvement

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SENATOR LUNDY asked on 24/05/2007:

Senator LUNDY—While you are talking about that, in February this year the department said there had been a total of 74 incidents where Centrelink had been involved with police on field operations. Can you provide an update of these figures from 2006-07 on a month by month basis?

Dr Browne—We can take that on notice.

Answer:

For the 2006-07 financial year to 31 May 2007, Centrelink has conducted 78 field operations that have involved either the state or federal police.

Fraud field operations involving police - 2006-07 financial year to 31 May 2007

July 2006	August 2006	September 2006	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006
13	14	9	8	9	5

January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007	Total (as at 31 May 2007)
2	3	6	4	5	78

The figure of 74 quoted by Senator Lundy refers to the total number of fraud field operations involving police for the 2005-06 financial year and was contained in QoN HS12 from the February 2007 Additional Senate Estimates.