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Senator: Ronaldson

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Question:

Can you provide me with information for the last five years regarding the number of sexual harassment claims brought against Members or Senators by staff? Clearly, I am not seeking the names of those Members or Senators. Can you provide me, within reason, the full details of the outcomes of those allegations—whether there have been settlements, counselling of some sort, independent people brought in to try to address those clients. I would like some general information about the outcomes of those, please.

Answer:

The Department of Finance and Deregulation is aware of one claim of sexual harassment against a Senator or Member that has been received in the last five years. This matter is still under consideration.