

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 - Release of personal data

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SENATOR CAROL BROWN asked the Minister for Human Services, upon written notice:

SENATOR CAROL BROWN—Has there been a case in Centrelink where the personal data of a client has been sent out to a third party without authorisation—and I mean a third party that is not entitled to receive that information?

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SENATOR CAROL BROWN—I do not really mean misdirected mail. I mean something like a client's file being sent to a third person.

Answer:

This issue was discussed during the hearing and Centrelink is prepared to investigate any particular case if Senator Brown is able to provide additional information.