

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 October 2009 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

The Annual Report also states that nine cases are still being investigated. (Department of Human Services, Annual Report 2008–09, p.46) Can you provide me with further details of these?

Answer:

The current status of the nine cases referred to is as follows:

- four investigations have been finalised with no further action due to a lack of evidence to sustain a criminal prosecution; and
- five investigations continue into offences including the provision of false or misleading statements and failure to comply with notices.