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Human Services Portfolio

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Question:

In June 2009 the Commonwealth Ombudsman released a report into the administration of Departure Prohibition Orders, and concluded that the CSA's administration of the orders was not up to scratch in several areas. I believe that the CSA reviewed all of its current DPOs (in response to the Ombudsman's recommendation). (See Commonwealth Ombudsman report, *CSA: Administration of Departure Prohibition Order powers*, June 2009, p.37) What were the results of this internal review – were all current DPOs deemed to be valid?

Answer:

The CSP completed an internal review of the validity of DPOs in July 2009. That review found that of the 1,136 DPOs considered during the review, 31 were found to be invalid and subsequently revoked.