

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE  
CRIMTRAC

**Question No. 216**

**Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 14 February 2006:**

Regarding the extension of the National Criminal History Record Checking (NCHRC) services to the non-government sector:

- a) What parts of the non-government sector will the NCHRC services be extended to?
- b) How are these selected or how will these be selected?
- c) What parts of the NCHRC will they have access to?
- d) What is going to be the cost of this extension? How much has been budgeted for it?
- e) How much of that has been expended so far?
- f) What portion of costs of the extension of the NCHRC services will be borne by CrimTrac and what parts will be borne by the non-government sector?
- g) Will there be any fees for access to the NCHRC by the non-government sector?
- h) What is the timeframe for the extension of the NCHRC to the non-government sectors?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- a) There are no specific sectors that services are extended to. Applications are received from any entity that can satisfy the accreditation criteria of CrimTrac and police jurisdictions.
- b) They are not selected but apply to receive services through the accreditation process.
- c) The NCHRC provides access to discloseable court outcomes.
- d) NCHRC services are provided and charged on a per check basis which is formulated on cost recovery principles.
- e) N/A.
- f) The costs incurred by CrimTrac are recovered through the price charged per enquiry.
- g) Yes. The current charge per enquiry (GST inclusive) is \$27.50. This charge will increase to \$28.32 (GST inclusive) from 1 July 2006.
- h) CrimTrac commenced delivering NCHRC services to the non-government sector in July 2005.