

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
CRIMTRAC

**Question No. 33**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 12 February 2013:**

**Senator HUMPHRIES:** Is it the case that CrimTrac employees who have been receiving Comcare payments, or have been dealing with Comcare for claims made against CrimTrac, have been working in other agencies outside CrimTrac while receiving Comcare payments or having their claims dealt with by Comcare in respect of what happened to them while they were employees of CrimTrac?

**Mr Smith:** The nature of the relationship between myself as the employer of people, and matters that are dealt with by Comcare, are very much subject to confidentiality. What I can say is that all appropriate steps were taken to ensure that the right things were done to look after the corporate health of the agency and the health of every individual that I was concerned about with respect to the matters that you raise. It is difficult to give—

**Senator HUMPHRIES:** Can you not answer the question, though, as to whether people have been moved offshore from CrimTrac while they have had Comcare claims dealt with?

**Mr Smith:** I will get Ms Mayo to answer that because she is more sensitive to the legal situation.

**Ms Mayo:** The situation is that I can confirm that some of the employees with current Comcare claims, as part of their return to work program in managing those claims, have been placed with other agencies.

**Senator HUMPHRIES:** How many are we talking about, over the last 12 months?

**Ms Mayo:** I do not have the specifics to confirm the actual numbers but I believe it would be around two.

**Senator HUMPHRIES:** Could you take that on notice please, to give me an exact number.

**Ms Mayo:** Certainly.

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

One CrimTrac employee has completed a work trial with another APS agency. The trial was an approved rehabilitation program linked to an accepted Comcare compensation claim. The trial was successfully completed with the employee currently working for the APS agency on a full-time six-month temporary transfer.