



Samantha Gavel, Privacy Commissioner

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 6 – TRANSPORT AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

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Examination of proposed expenditure for the portfolio area

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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QUESTION:

The Hon. ADAM SEARLE: Thank you. Alright, so you can answer that on notice. Minister, I also asked which departments were the subject of the 205 data security breaches reported to the Privacy Commissioner in 2020-21. That was taken on notice and no answer at all given. I think the Privacy Commissioner is with us.

Could she provide a breakdown of which agencies were the subject of the 205 data security breaches?

Ms HOGAN: Ms Gavel?

The Hon. ADAM SEARLE: I am happy for it to be taken on notice. But if an answer is forthcoming—

Mr VICTOR DOMINELLO: The Privacy Commissioner is here.

Ms GAVEL: I am happy to take that on notice. I do not have those figures here with me today.

The Hon. ADAM SEARLE: If you could provide a breakdown, that would be very useful, Ms Gavel.

ANSWER:

The Privacy Commissioner received 205 data breach notifications from the State Government sector during 2020-21.

In relation to the data breaches reported by Revenue NSW, 143 of the 147 breaches were reported in accordance with s 117C of the *Fines Act 1996* which took effect from 1 July 2020.

The breakdown of voluntary reports made to the Privacy Commissioner from the State Government Sector in 2020/21 is provided below:

As reported by	Number reported in the period
Revenue NSW	147
icare	7
Service NSW	5
Department of Regional NSW	4
Ministry of Health	4
NSW Ombudsman	4

As reported by	Number reported in the period
Transport for NSW	4
Department of Customer Service	3
Office of the Children's Guardian	3
Department of Planning and Industry	2
NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal	2
South Western Sydney Local Health District	2
Cancer Institute of NSW	1
Department of Communities and Justice	1
Destination NSW	1
Greater Sydney Commission	1
Health Care Complaints Commission	1
Hunter New England Local Health District	1
Legal Aid	1
NSW Crown Solicitor's Office	1
NSW Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network	1
Nursing & Midwifery Council of NSW	1
Office of Minister for Customer Service	1
Personal Injury Commission	1
Pharmacy Council of NSW	1
Safework	1
South Eastern Sydney Local Health District	1
State Insurance Regulatory Authority	1
Sydney Local Health District	1
Water NSW	1
Total	205