

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, STAFF, INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY
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2219. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for the Environment

For each Department and Agency within your portfolio, including your Ministerial office:

- (a) how many investigations or inquiries have been conducted relating to serious staff grievances and/or allegations of misconduct since February 2001;
- (b) how many of these investigations or inquiries were conducted by Barbara Abbott; and
- (c) for each investigation or inquiry conducted by Barbara Abbott, what was the duration of the investigation or inquiry and the amount of money paid to Barbara Abbott?

Dr J.M. EDWARDS replied:

Ministerial Office

- (a) None
- (b-c) Not applicable

Department of Conservation and Land Management

- (a) 1
- (b) None
- (c) Not applicable

Department of Environmental Protection; Water and Rivers Commission

- (a) 15
- (b) None
- (c) Not applicable

The definition I have used to set the boundaries for serious staff grievances and / or serious misconduct, is as follows:

- Serious staff grievances are those where a formal review/investigation is conducted and/or the issues potentially could lead to disciplinary action under the provisions of the Public Sector Management Act 1994.
- Serious misconduct are those instances where the issue(s) was of a serious nature as defined in the Public Sector Management Act 1994 (sections 83(1)(b) and 86 (3)(b) where charges may be laid and dismissal is a possible outcome), and/or where the matter(s) were subject to formal investigation which potentially could lead to charges under the Act, or other legislation eg Criminal Code, this would include accessing pornography.

Office of Water Regulation

- (a-b) None
- (c) Not applicable

Perth Zoo

- (a) Twelve investigations and/or inquiries have been conducted relating to serious staff grievances and/or allegations of misconduct since February 2001 at Perth Zoo.
- (b) None
- (c) Not applicable

Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority

The Botanic Gardens and Parks Authority treats all grievances seriously, and two grievances have been formally and independently investigated since February 2001. No significant negative findings have been made against staff or the organisation.

- (a) Two
- (b) None
- (c) Not applicable