

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Tuesday, 17 February 2015

Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Commerce.

In relation to the Building Division and licenced painters in Western Australia I ask:

1. How many painters have been registered in Western Australia for each of the past five years?
2. At what level have registration fees been set for each of the past five years and what is the total value of these fees for each of the past five years?
3. How many painting inspectors have been employed by the Commission for each of the past five years?
4. How many investigations have been undertaken by painting inspectors for each of the past five years?
5. How many prosecutions or actions have been taken as a result of investigations undertaken by painting inspectors for each of the past five years?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

1. As at 17 January 2015, there were 1,894 individuals registered as both Painting Practitioners and Painting Contractors, 466 entities (partnerships and companies) registered solely as Paining Contractors, and 434 people registered solely as Painting Practitioners.

However, I am advised that it is not possible to obtain information relating to the number of registered painters over the last five years in the time available, as it involves manual interrogation and analysis of the Department of Commerce's systems. Accordingly, I ask that the Member place this part of her question on notice.

2. I table the attached information.
3. Painting Inspectors employed
2011/2012 – 3
2012/2013 – 3

2013/2014 – One inspector and one registered painter who was a former painting inspector employed in the Enforcement Branch of the Building Commission of the Department of Commerce.

2014/15 – Three until November 2014, after which there was one painting inspector

4. The following investigations have been undertaken by painting inspectors for:

Building Services Complaints

2012/2013 – 48

2013/2014 – 32

2013/2015 (up to 31/12/14) – 8

Disciplinary Complaints

2012/2013 – 2

2013/2014 – 5

2014/2015 (up to 31/12/14) – Nil

Statutory Investigations

2012/2013 – 29

2013/2014 – 39

2014/2015 (up to 31/12/14) – 19

General Inspections (Note – the general inspections are conducted as a result of requests being made to the Building Commission)

2012/2013 – 720

2013/2014 – 289

2014/15 (up to 31/12/14) – 49

5. I am advised by the Department of Commerce that it is not possible to obtain this data within the time available. Accordingly, I ask that the Member place this part of her question on notice.

