

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

See tabled paper.

Thursday, 26 February 2015

2740. Hon Kate Doust to the Minister for Commerce.

I refer to question without notice number No. 49, asked on 19 February 2015, regarding licensed painters, and I ask:

- (a) how many painters have been registered in Western Australia for each of the past five years; and
(b) how many prosecutions or actions have been taken as a result of investigations undertaken by painting inspectors for each of the past five years?

Answer

- (a) The number of registered Painters in Western Australia for each of the past five years is as follows:

Under the *Painters Registration Act 1961*

- 2009/2010 = 2,956
- 2010/2011 = 2,956

Under the *Building Services (Registration) Act 2011*

- 2011/2012 = 3,236
- 2012/2013 = 2,765
- 2013/2014 = 2,860

- (b) See Tabled Paper No.



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The following tables set out the number of investigations of disciplinary matters and statutory breaches have been concluded in relation to unregistered painting work, and the outcome of those investigations including prosecutions and disciplinary actions. The figures vary slightly for those provided in a previous Parliamentary Question Without Notice relating to investigations, as the previous figures reflected the number of matters referred for investigation during the fiscal years, rather than the number of matters that were concluded.

INVESTIGATIONS CONCLUDED			
Fiscal Year	Unregistered Activity	General Breach	Disciplinary
2011/12	4	1	
2012/13	27	10	2
2013/14	20	4	2
2014/15	25	8	1

INVESTIGATION OUTCOMES							
Fiscal Year	Prosecution	Caution	Education/ Advice	Investigation Discontinued – Not Public Interest	No Offence Detected	No Action Taken – Insufficient Evidence	Other
2011/12	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
2012/13	2	11	12	0	4	7	3
2013/14	6	4	7	3	3	3	0
2014/15	3	10	20	1	0	0	0