

LEGAL AFFAIRS — OFFICE OF CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION

4156. Hon Martin Pritchard to the Attorney General:

- (1) I refer to the processing of applications under the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 2003*, and ask for 2015–16, how many applications were received?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent criminal injuries compensations assessors and administration or clerical staff were employed in the Office of Criminal Injuries Compensation to process applications in 2015–16?
- (3) How many applications were ceased in accordance with the section 10 of the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 2003* in 2015–16?
- (4) What was the average time for processing applications in 2015–16?
- (5) How many appeals were lodged by victims of an offence, and how many by an offender, in relation to a decision of a criminal injuries compensation assessor in 2015–16?

**Hon Michael Mischin replied:**

- (1) 2,769 applications were received between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2016.
- (2) For the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, three assessors and 9.2 of the 17.2 administrative staff of the Office of Criminal Injuries Compensation were employed in the processing of applications.
- (3) The Department of the Attorney General advises that no applications are recorded as ceased in accordance with section 10 of the *Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 2003* (WA) for the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016.
- (4) As at 30 June 2016 the average time for processing applications was 7.2 months.
- (5) For the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, 15 appeals were lodged by victims of an offence and 11 appeals were lodged by offenders in relation to a decision of a criminal injuries compensation assessor.

NOTE: The figures provided above for questions (1)–(5) are for the 2015–16 financial year (1 July 2015 – 30 June 2016).