

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION ACT 2003

1205. Hon MARTIN PRITCHARD to the Attorney General:

I refer to the processing of applications under the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 2003. For each of 2012–13, 2013–14 and 2014–15 —

- (1) How many applications were received?
- (2) How many full-time equivalent criminal injuries compensation assessors and administration or clerical staff were employed in the Office of Criminal Injuries Compensation to process applications?
- (3) How many applications were ceased in accordance with the section 10 of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 2003?
- (4) What was the average time for processing applications?
- (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?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The number of applications received was: in 2012–13, there were 2 180; in 2013–14, there were 2 391; and in 2014–15, there were 2 700.
- (2) As to the number of FTEs at the Office of Criminal Injuries Compensation, in 2012–13 there were 17.2 clerical staff and three assessors. In 2013–14 there were 17.2 clerical staff and three assessors. In 2014–15 there were 17.2 clerical staff and three assessors.
- (3) This data is not reported in the annual report; however, two applications were ceased in 2014–15, and there were fewer than two applications ceased over the previous two years. To confirm this data would require a manual exercise and additional time.
- (4) As to the average time for processing applications, in 2012–13 it was 4.7 months; in 2013–14 it was 5.8 months; and in 2014–15 it was 8.9 months.
- (5) As to the number of appeals lodged against a decision of an assessor, in 2012–13, 32 appeals were lodged by victims, and 27 appeals were lodged by offenders. In 2013–14, 22 appeals were lodged by victims, and seven appeals were lodged by offenders. In 2014–15, 19 appeals were lodged by victims, and 13 appeals were lodged by offenders.