

PRISON OFFICERS — DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

4723. Hon Ed Dermer to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

For each of the years 2009–10, 2010–11 and 2011 to date —

- (1) How many prison officers have faced disciplinary charges?
- (2) In each of the above cases, what were the charges for?
- (3) Of those prison officers pursued on disciplinary charges, how many of the charges have been —
 - (a) sustained;
 - (b) not sustained; and
 - (c) withdrawn?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) 2009/10 — 13
2010/11 — 35
2011 to date — 13
- (2) For 2009/10, 13 prison officers faced a total of 24 charges:
 - 5x Personal Behaviour, Unprofessional conduct
 - 7x Conflict of interest, Improper Association/External Interest
 - 3x Out of Hours Conduct, Criminal/Misconduct
 - 2x Official Information, Access/Release
 - 4x Neglect of Duty, Disobey Lawful Order/Failure to Report
 - 3x Misuse of Resources, Inappropriate Use of EmailFor 2010/11, 35 prison officers faced a total of 51 charges:
 - 17x Personal behaviour, Unprofessional conduct
 - 27x Neglect of Duty — Disobey Lawful Order, Removal of Keys, Unsecured Door
 - 2x Physical Contact, Misuse of Force
 - 3x Official Information, Access/Release
 - 2x Out of Hours, MisconductFor 2011 to date, 13 prison officers have faced a total of 26 charges:
4x Conflict of Interest, Failure to Report/Improper Association
13x Neglect of Duty, Compromise Security/Disobey Lawful Order/Removal of Keys
1x Official Information, Unauthorised Access
8x Personal Behaviour, Unprofessional Conduct
- (3) (a) 2009/10 — 10 charges were sustained:
 - 1x Conflict of Interest — Use Position for External Interest
 - 3x Misuse of Resources — Inappropriate Use of Email
 - 3x Neglect of Duty — Removal of Keys, Failure to Report and Disobey Lawful Order
 - 1x Out of Hours — Misconduct
 - 2x Personal Behaviour — Unprofessional Conduct.2010/11 — 46 charges were sustained:
 - 15x Neglect of Duty — Disobey Lawful Order
 - 9x Neglect of Duty — Removal of Keys
 - 1x Neglect of Duty — Unsecured Door
 - 3x Official Information — Unauthorised Access
 - 2x Out of Hours — Misconduct
 - 15x Personal Behaviour — Unprofessional Conduct
 - 1x Physical Contact — Misuse of Force.2011 to date — 13 charges were sustained:
 - 4x Neglect of Duty — Disobey Lawful Order
 - 1x Neglect of Duty — Compromise Security
 - 2x Neglect of Duty — Removal of Keys
 - 6x Personal Behaviour — Unprofessional Conduct.
- (b) 2009/10 — 2 charges were not sustained:

- 1x Official Information — Unauthorised Release.
- 1x Personal Behaviour — Unprofessional Conduct.

2010/11 — 1 charge was not sustained:

- 1x Physical Contact — Misuse of Force.

2011 to date — Nil.

(c) 2009/10 — 13 charges were withdrawn:

- 6x Conflict of Interest — Inappropriate Association
- 2x Neglect of Duty — Failure to Report and Disobey Lawful Order
- 1x Official Information — Unauthorised Access
- 2x Out of Hours — Criminal Conduct
- 2x Personal Behaviour — Unprofessional Conduct.

2010/11 — 1 charge was withdrawn:

- 1x Neglect of Duty — Disobey Lawful Order.

2011 to date — Nil.