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Deputy Chief Minister

Minister for Early Childhood Development

Minister for Education and Youth Affairs

Minister for Housing and Suburban Development

Minister for Women

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

Minister for Sport and Recreation

Member for Ginninderra

RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Questions on Notice Paper No. 41

12 April 2024

Question No. 1775

MS LEE: To ask the Deputy Chief Minister —In relation to QON 1697:

- (1) Can the Deputy Chief Minister provide for each complaint, or any other mechanism of referral, in relation to fraud and misconduct to the Community Services Directorate the length of time between the Directorate being made aware of these allegations and the allegations being closed between 2016 and present, including if the complaint has been referred internally or externally.
- (2) If the case is still open can the Deputy Chief Minister provide details of (a) when the allegation was received by the Directorate and (b) how many days the allegation has been investigated either internally or externally.
- (3) Can the Deputy Chief Minister provide the same information as parts (1) and (2) for each bullying and harassment allegation made to CSD between 2016 and present.

MINISTER BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows —

- (1) Partial information for question 1 has been provided in the table below. This includes information on the fraud matters only. As Ms Lee has requested information on all misconduct matters, this would be a significant administrative burden and would require every misconduct matter identified in QON 1697 to be manually reviewed. QON 1697 cost the Directorate >\$5,000 to answer, and this response would be similar in cost and is considered an inappropriate diversion of resources.

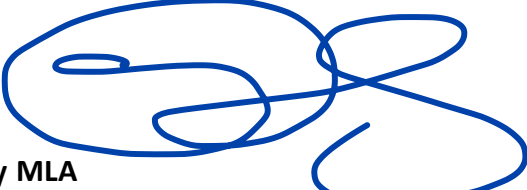
(2) No cases remain open in 2024.

(3) Information on bullying and harassment matters has been provided in the table below.

Year	Fraud matters	Bullying & Harassment matters
2016	Nil	2 x Bullying and Harassment matters Matter 1: Reported 19/1/2016 Closed 19/5/2016 Open 4 months Investigated by PSU Matter 2: Reported 4/7/2016 Closed 13/10/2016 Open 3 months Investigated by PSU
2017	Nil	1 x Bullying and Harassment matter Matter 1: Reported 8/5/2017 Closed 11/12/2017 Open 7 months Investigated by PSU
2018	Nil	3 x Bullying and Harassment matters Matter 1: Reported 26/4/2018 Closed 21/11/2018 Open 7 months Investigated internally Matter 2: Reported 2/11/2017 Closed 24/01/2018 Open 2 months Summary dismissal Matter 3: Reported 30/11/2016, Closed 13/12/2018 Open 23 months Investigated by PSU May 2017
2019	Nil	5 x Bullying and Harassment matters Matter 1: Reported 21/4/2017 Closed 1/1/2019, Open 21 months Investigated by PSU mid 2017 Matter 2:

		<p>Reported 11/7/2018 Closed: 3/4/2019 Open 8 months (employee resigned) Investigated by PSU</p> <p>Matter 3: Reported 3/10/2018 Closed 5/4/2019 Open 6 months (employee resigned) External investigation</p> <p>Matter 4: Reported 10/8/2018 Closed 12/6/2019 Open 10 months Investigated by PSU</p> <p>Matter 5: Reported 6/11/2018 Closed 9/8/2019 Open 9 months Investigated by PSU</p>
2020	<p>1 x Fraud matter Matter reported 30/1/2020 Matter closed 19/10/2020</p> <p>Open 9 months. investigated by PSU</p>	<p>2 x Bullying and Harassment matters</p> <p>Matter 1: Reported 17/4/2019 Closed 22/6/2020 Open 14 months Investigated by PSU May 2109</p> <p>Matter 2: Reported 21/12/2017 Closed 13/07/2020 Open 31 months Investigated by PSU March 2018</p>
2021	Nil	Nil
2022	Nil	Nil
2023	Nil	Nil
2024	Nil	Nil

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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