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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**Questions on Notice Paper No 35**  
**22 September 2023**  
**Question No. 1436**

**MS CASTLEY MLA:** To ask the Minister for Industrial Relations and Workplace Safety

- (1) How many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) that have a Secure Local Jobs Code (SLJC) certificate have surrendered their certificate by notifying the registrar for each year since the SLJC was implemented.
- (2) Can the Minister provide a breakdown of the employee size of each business that has surrendered their SLJC certificate for each year since 2018-19.
- (3) Are businesses able to let their SLJC lapse; if so, how many SMEs have let their SLJC certificate lapse each year since 2018-19.
- (4) How many complaints, for each year since the SLJC was implemented, have relevant (a) directorates, (b) officers, (c) authorities, (d) ministers' offices and (e) registrars received from businesses regarding SLJC impacting successful tenders from businesses.
- (5) Have any of the relevant authorities identified in part (4)(e) conducted reviews into the SLJC impacting businesses being successful for government tenders; if so, what were the titles of the reviews and when were they conducted.
- (6) Can the Minister advise, for each year since the implementation of the SLJC certificate, how many compliance actions the registrar has taken under Division 2B.4.1 (compliance measures), Section 22T of the *Government Procurement Act 2001*

**MR GENTLEMAN MLA** - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. There has been a total of eight entities formally surrender their certificates since the commencement of the Code.
2. Under the Code, the employee size of the business is not required to be provided to the SLJC Registrar.
3. Yes. Any entity that lets their certificate lapse may renew their certificate and it is common for entities to let their certificates lapse and renew depending on the work they may be tendering for.

Determining how many certificates have lapsed at a point since the commencement of the scheme would require a manual verification of each business certificate and would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

4. The Registrar does not hold specific data on complaints about SLJC in relation to businesses tendering.
5. The Registrar has not conducted any reviews specifically into the Code impacting businesses being successful for government tenders.
6. The SLJC Registrar has taken one compliance action in 2022, and one compliance action in 2023, under Division 2B.4.1 (compliance measures), Section 22T of the *Government Procurement Act 2001*.

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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