

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—October 2015**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Code of conduct investigations**

Question: **63**

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1. How many code of conduct investigations have taken place within DPS in the 2014-15 financial year? Please also provide a figure for the 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial years.
2. Please provide a breakdown of the investigations by each DPS branch (e.g. Library, ICT, security, finance/procurement etc)
3. How many of these investigations were referred to outside companies?
4. How many of these investigations involved the court system?
5. How many outside investigations ruled in favour of DPS?
6. How much did it cost DPS to conduct code of conduct investigations in the 2014-15 financial year? Please also provide a cost figure for the 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial years.

Answer

1. Number of code of conduct investigations (not including preliminary investigations) by financial year.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
No.	2	7	8	10	8	35

2. Break down of code of conduct investigations (not including preliminary investigations) by Branch within DPS.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
Parliamentary Library	1					1
ICT	1		3	3	1	8
Finance and Procurement		2				2
Asset Development and Maintenance		3	2	1	3	9
Security		1		1	4	6
Parliamentary Experience		1	1			2
Parliamentary Recording and Reporting			2	5		7
Total	2	7	8	10	8	35

3. Twenty-two code of conduct investigations (not including preliminary investigations) were referred to outside companies.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
External	2	5	6	5	4	22

The remaining 13 code of conduct investigations (not including preliminary investigations) were investigated internally.

4. One case was referred to the Federal Court. Four cases were reviewed by the Fair Work Commission.
5. Of the 22 external investigations, 14 investigations found the employee had breached the Code of Conduct. Additionally, four investigations found the employee did not have a case to answer, one investigation was discontinued and three employees resigned prior to the completion of the investigation.
6. Cost of external code of conduct investigations (not including preliminary investigations) by financial year.

	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	Total
No.	2	5	6	5	4	22
Cost	\$13,216.50	\$60,045.92	\$60,398.32	\$40,701.70	\$34,890.55	\$209,252.99