

Overview of serious misconduct

Quarter 1 2020/2021

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Indicator 2

Placeholder text for a detailed report or data analysis.



94%

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The Commission is continually improving and developing methods of capturing allegation data and recently implemented a new allegation category classification system that enhances the monitoring of serious misconduct allegations.

This quarterly report includes two new Public Sector categories: Department of Communities and the Transport pPortfolio. The Transport portfolio includes the Department of Transport, Public Transport Authority and Main Roads WA. Since the 2017 Machinery of Government changes, the Department of Communities includes the former Child Protection and Family Services, Housing Authority and Disability Services.

The allegation category data contained in this report cannot be compared to all previous quarterly reports produced by the Commission. However, the information in this report has been re-categorised for comparison purposes to the previous financial year.

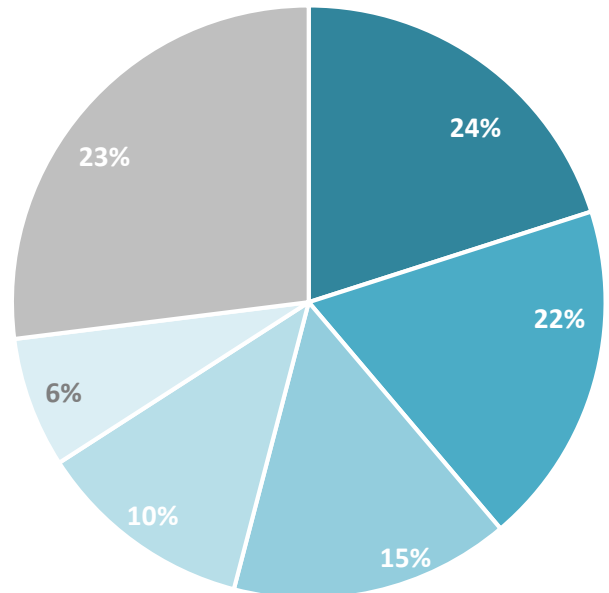
- During Q1 2020/21, the Commission received a total of 753 notifications of serious misconduct relating to 44 agencies from which, 1,708 allegations were created.
- Reporting from authorities accounted for just over half of all allegations created (n=915), slightly higher than allegations created from notifications received from members of the public (n=757).
- WA Police Force total allegation numbers (n=997) increased by around ten per cent with the associated top five allegations categories ranked the same as the previous quarter.
- The allegation category, Benefit/Detriment, remains the most commonly inferred category for notifications of serious misconduct across the public sector (excluding the WA Police Force).

QUARTER 1 2020/2021 AT A GLANCE

WA POLICE FORCE

Allegation categories

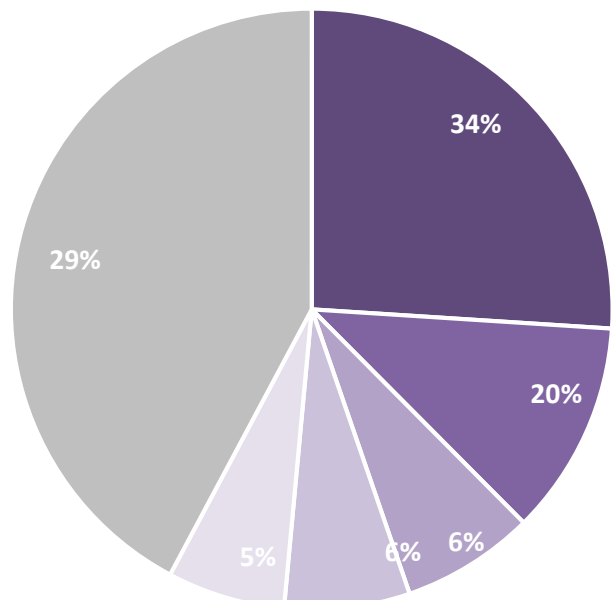
Neglect of duty	200 allegations
Unprofessional conduct	187 allegations
Breach of procedure or policy	152 allegations
Assault	118 allegations
Benefit/Detriment	71 allegations
All other allegations	269 allegations



PUBLIC SECTOR (minus the WA Police Force)

Allegation categories

Benefit/Detriment	185 allegations
Fraud/Falsification	82 allegations
Assault	51 allegations
Corrupt conduct	48 allegations
Unlawful use of computer	45 allegations
All other allegations	300 allegations



Allegations were identified between 1 July and 30 September 2020 from notifications received by the Commission.

	Q2 2019/20	Q3 2019/20	Q4 2019/20	Q1 2020/21
NUMBER OF ALLEGATIONS IDENTIFIED	1,491	1,336	1,594	1,708

Table 1. Public Sector allegations

Public Sector Agency/Sector	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.		No.		No.		No.	
WA Police Force	730		730		906		997	
Local government Authorities	121		122		110		147	
Other Independent Agencies/Authorities	89		119		121		119	
Department of Justice	79		93		122		104	
Department of Education	154		28		33		100	
WA Health Sector	110		88		129		84	
Subject agency not within jurisdiction	63		71		71		75	
Transport Portfolio	48		25		54		50	
Department of Communities	97		60		48		32	
Total	1,491		1,336		1,594		1,708	

Table 2. Allegation source

Section reported under		Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Notifications from notifying authorities	s 28	860	58%	617	46%	763	48%	915	53.5%
Reports from the public	s 25	615	41%	682	51%	754	47%	757	44%
Public Sector Commission	s 45M(d)	16	1%	33	2.5%	45	3%	32	2%
Commission's own proposition	s 26	-	0%	4	0.5%	32	2%	4	0.5%
Total		1,491	100%	1,336	100%	1,594	100%	1,708	100%

Table 3. Allegations: WA Police Force top five by category

Allegation category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Neglect of duty	181	25%	158	22%	226	25%	200	20%
Unprofessional conduct	108	15%	104	14%	163	18%	187	19%
Breach of procedure or policy	155	21%	175	24%	167	18%	152	15%
Assault	77	11%	94	13%	94	10%	118	12%
Benefit/Detriment	28	4%	36	5%	31	3%	71	7%
Total	549	76%	567	78%	681	74%	728	73%

Table 4. Allegations: Local Government top five by category

Allegation category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Benefit/Detriment	33	27%	30	24%	29	26%	61	41%
Fraud/Falsification	3	2%	10	8%	9	8%	14	9%
Corrupt conduct	2	1.5%	17	14%	21	19%	11	7%
Failure to lodge	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	7	5%
Unlawful disclosure	0	0%	1	1%	11	10%	6	4%
Total	38	30.5%	59	48%	70	63%	99	66%

Table 5. Allegations: WA Health Sector top five by category

Allegation category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Fraud/Falsification	9	8%	11	12.5%	16	12%	16	19%
Benefit/Detriment	25	23%	17	19%	11	8.5%	14	17%
Corrupt conduct	1	1%	3	3%	12	9%	10	12%
Assault	4	4%	4	4%	7	5%	8	9%
Unlawful use of computer	40	36%	10	11%	24	18%	7	8%
Total	79	72%	45	49.5%	70	52.5%	55	65%

Table 6. Allegations: Department of Justice top five by category

Allegation Category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Benefit/Detriment	20	25%	28	30%	11	9%	25	24%
Fraud/Falsification	6	7.5%	4	4%	7	6%	17	16%
Unlawful use of computer	3	4%	5	5%	8	6.5%	7	7%
Criminal conduct	8	10%	3	3%	10	8%	6	6%
Unlawful disclosure	1	1%	5	5%	7	6%	5	5%
Total	38	47.5%	45	47%	43	35.5%	60	58%

Table 7. Allegations: Department of Education by category

Allegation category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Assault	138	90%	6	21%	0	0%	28	28%
Benefit/Detriment	3	2%	6	21%	6	18%	20	20%
Fraud/Falsification	2	1%	1	3.5%	2	6%	10	10%
Criminal conduct	2	1%	4	14%	0	0%	6	6%
Unprofessional conduct	1	.5%	2	7%	1	3%	5	5%
Total	146	94.5%	19	66.5%	9	27%	69	69%

Table 8. Allegations: Transport portfolio top five by category

Allegation category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Unlawful use of computer	32	66%	13	52%	21	38%	14	28%
Benefit/Detriment	4	8%	3	12%	14	25%	13	26%
Assault	0	0%	4	16%	1	2%	6	12%
Corrupt conduct	1	2%	0	0%	8	15%	4	8%
Fraud/Falsification	2	4%	1	4%	2	3%	3	6%
Total	39	80%	21	84%	46	83%	40	80%

Table 9. Allegations: Department of Communities top five by category

Allegation Category	Q2 2019/20		Q3 2019/20		Q4 2019/20		Q1 2020/21	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Benefit/Detriment	19	19%	21	35%	11	23%	8	25%
Corrupt conduct	63	65%	9	15%	11	23%	7	22%
Fraud/Falsification	2	2%	4	6%	1	2%	2	6%
Criminal conduct	1	1%	4	6%	3	6%	2	6%
Breach of procedure or policy	1	1%	2	3%	0	0%	1	3%
Total	86	88%	40	65%	26	54%	20	62%