

**Question on Notice
No. 1508
Asked on 8 October 2009**

MR JOHNSON asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to investigations by the Ethical Standards Unit—

- (1) How many complaints against police officers were received directly or by referral to the unit in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (reported by year)?
- (2) How many investigations conducted by the unit took more than twelve months to finalise in the last three years?
- (3) How many investigations were open more than two years in the last three years?

ANSWER:

The number of complaints received by or referred to the Ethical Standards Command for investigation are as follows:

2006-07 – 54; 2007-08 – 58; 2008-09 – 59.

It should be noted that investigations conducted by the Ethical Standards Command are those which are recorded as complaint investigations, as distinct from investigations into incidents such as some police shootings and deaths in custody that have not resulted in a complaint against police. Investigations conducted by the Ethical Standards Command also do not include investigations by other QPS areas that were overviewed or monitored by the Command.

Four investigations conducted by the Ethical Standards Command in 2006-07 took more than 12 months to finalise. For 2007-08, there were two. No investigations received and undertaken in 2008-09 by the Ethical Standards Command took more than 12 months to complete.

There were no complaint investigation matters over the last three years dealt with by the Ethical Standards Command that took more than two years to complete.