

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1826**

**Asked on 12 October 2016**

**MRS SMITH** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR SMALL BUSINESS (HON L ENOCH)—

With reference to the answer to Question on Notice No. 1308—

Will the Minister advise for 2015-16 (a) the number of occasions where departments or agencies under the administration of the Minister sought advice from either (i) counsel or a private law firm or (ii) in-house legal units, about whether to proceed with legal action against a contractor, former contractor, employee or former employee to the State Government for actions undertaken as a contractor or employee and (b) the number of occasions in both (i) and (ii) in which legal action proceeded?

**ANSWER:**

In relation to the Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation, I am advised by the Director-General of the department as follows in relation to civil proceedings against a contractor, former contractor, employee or former employee:-

(a) Nil for 2015-16 as requested in part (a) of the question; and

(b) Nil for 2015-16 as requested in part (b) of the question.

In relation to the Small Business portfolio within the Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games, I am advised by the A/Director-General of the department as follows in relation to civil proceedings against a contractor, former contractor, employee or former employee:-

(c) Nil for 2015-16 as requested in part (a) of the question; and

(d) Nil for 2015-16 as requested in part (b) of the question.