

Question on Notice

No. 1826

Asked on Tuesday, 26 November 2019

DR C ROWAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND SENIORS (HON C O'ROURKE)—

QUESTION

With reference to the 32 corrupt conduct matters for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors' as outlined on page 48 of the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors' Annual Report for 2018-19—

Will the Minister advise on (a) the corrupt conduct matters that were identified and (b) the consequences for the employee/s who were identified as having conducted such corrupt matters (e.g. loss of job, received a warning etc.)?

ANSWER

I refer to page 48 of the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors' Annual Report 2018-19 relating to the management of suspected corrupt conduct and misconduct.

(a) All allegations assessed as amounting to corrupt conduct are managed in accordance with the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001*.

Individual matters cannot be discussed or identified due to privacy obligations and to ensure the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness are not impeded.

(b) 15 of those 32 matters assessed as Corrupt Conduct matters were finalised during the reporting period and resulted in the following outcomes:

- two employees had their employment terminated
- two employees were subject to a reduction in their salary increment level
- two employees received a formal reprimand.

The remaining matters were finalised by way of management action or were found not to be capable of being substantiated.